

Enfield Cemetery Trustees  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
June 8, 2017

Present : Gordon Clough, Fred Williamson, Don Crate, Will Shoemaker

Note: No meeting was held on 5/18, as no member of the public had come forward with an issue and there was no business to transact.

Gordon called today's meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The minutes from the April 18 Special Meeting were revised as follows:

1. Will reported that the Water Department was also sharing in the cost of the excavator, so that the Cemetery Trustees would only bear one third the cost of the machine – not 50%. He estimated about \$27,000 to be our portion.
2. The member of the public who asked for an exception to normal burial arrangements was referring to Enfield's "Purmort Cemetery", not the town of Piermont. Since the Purmort cemetery was generally closed to new burials such a special exception was needed, and granted.

The minutes were then approved unanimously.

At this point Don mentioned that he had seen the excavator over the Memorial Day weekend parked outdoors in an unprotected and unsecured location. Will volunteered to followup with the highway dept.

Since no member of the public was in attendance, and there was no formal business to transact, the group then entered into a general discussion of the state of the cemeteries, with Will providing a quick rundown.

1. The backlog of Spring burials had been cleared up and there was only a single cremation on the upcoming calendar. A normal year involved many more burials by this time.
2. All cemeteries except the Town Cemetery have been mowed. This cemetery is scheduled to be mowed tomorrow. The Purmort Cemetery was mowed this week and found to be very boggy, almost too wet to mow. Countryside was mowed last week even though water was sheeting in places. Future mowing may become difficult to schedule. Will's key mowing support person recently resigned and Will was having to pickup extra shifts at the transfer station due to cutbacks.
3. Gordon and Will both expressed concern over the condition of one of the stone walls in the Purmort Cemetery. It appears to be in danger of sloughing off down the hillside. When that happens it will have to be rebuilt.
4. Finally, Gordon indicated that the Brick Walkway for the new Green Cemetery should be viewed as our highest priority. Several members of the public have asked for a timeframe for its completion.

After the general discussion was over, Gordon mentioned that he had to step back from his role as Chairman due to health reasons. He could continue as a Trustee, but could no longer commit to preparing for and running monthly meetings. Fred and Don accepted the resignation, whereupon Fred was voted in as Chairman, with Gordon proposing the candidate, Don seconding and all 3 Trustees voting in the affirmative.

Will and Gordon indicated that other types of routine Cemetery business involved "Transfer Deeds" and keeping the Cemeteries in compliance with Cemetery law.

One problematic situation to avoid appears to be " Digging within 25 of the outside of a Cemetery's stone wall". In the old days, some persons were routinely buried outside the perimeter, so these should not be disturbed.

Will indicated that "Ground Penetrating Radar" might someday allow us to survey these areas.

The meeting was formally adjourned at 7:10 PM, whereupon the group viewed the excavator on their way out.

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