

Trustee Minutes  
September 8, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson Mary Quintana.

Attending were; Mary Quintana, Richard Henderson, Trustees and Will Shoemaker, Sexton.

Trustee David Stewart was absent for the third time.

Trustee Henderson presented Sexton Shoemaker with a new 4 X 6 U.S. flag for use at Countryside Cemetery.

Flag was a gift from Mr. Herbert Littlefield of Enfield. A letter thanking Mr. Littlefield for this gift will be sent in the near future.

Trustees Quintana & Henderson authorized Sexton Shoemaker to procure two in ground grave markers from Twin State Monuments of Hartford, Vt. One to replace wooden marker at the Burnham cemetery and one for deceased Trustee, Fred Altvater. Funds to be obtained from Lot sales.

Request Wendy Huntley to provide trustees with up to date accounting of lot sales and other income from cemetery burials etc.

Trustees hereby authorize Sexton Shoemaker to have metal marker pins installed in section B of Countryside using funds from Engineering money allotted. Cost is approximately \$500 (five hundred).

Regarding next year's operating budget:

Request that "Tree Work" be added to budget as a line item at a cost of \$1000 (one thousand).

Public Information: Reduce amount of \$200 to \$100 and add balance of \$100 to Cemetery grounds.

A discussion was held with Sexton Shoemaker in regards to his duties and also the lack of a permanent assistant to help him in his cemetery duties. There seems to be a constant change each year for cemetery help.

We seem to be returning to the status of early years when work in our cemeteries was beginning to accumulate and if this is not taken care of, we will be faced with huge expenses, in the future, as we were when the trustee system was started. Chairman Quintana requested Trustee Henderson to compose a letter to Town Manager Schneider in regards to this matter.

The meeting was closed at 7:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted  
Richard M. Henderson, Secretary

Addendum to minutes:

It was noted by trustees Quintana and Henderson that during their inspection tour of Lockhaven Cemetery that several stone enclosures had been damaged by the scattering of the stones and which was thought to have been caused by the heavy rains from storm Irene. While discussing this at the above meeting we were informed by Sexton Shoemaker that the stone scattering was caused by bears grubbing among the enclosures for ants which had built nests there.

It was voted by Quintana and Henderson to hire a professional exterminator to eliminate the ants preventing further damage and also to hire a stone mason to restore the enclosures. Photos were taken by Henderson as evidence of the damage.

R.M. Henderson, Secretary