



**Fremont Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2012
Approved August 6, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall.

Present: Cemetery Trustees Leon Holmes, Jr., Richard Rand and Bob Stackpole; and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Mr. Stackpole motioned to accept the minutes of the April 2, 2012 as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with favorable vote 3-0.

LEAVITT CEMETERY

There was a discussion relative to getting a bid out for work that needs to be done at the Leavitt Cemetery. Mr. Rand said he has talked with Chris Alex about laying out where the roads will go so the work can be bid out, but did not set a date for a site visit. Mr. Rand agreed to set up a date with Mr. Alex so the process can begin. He will contact the other Trustees when he has a date certain.

The Trustees agreed that the work at the Leavitt Cemetery that needs to be done includes:

- Lay out the one roadway that is not already done.
- Figure out the size of the area.
- Decide how many more yards of material are needed.
- Spread loam already on site.
- Buy gravel and have it spread for the new roadway.

There was further discussion relative to the roads proposed for the Leavitt Cemetery. The Trustees agreed that there will be one roadway layed out and done this year. Mr. Stackpole said the Trustees will talk to the Selectmen about constructing the second and third roads next year.

GATE:

Mr. Holmes reported that the Highway Department has fixed the gate at the Leavitt Cemetery.

VILLAGE CEMETERY

Mr. Holmes reported that the walk-in gate at the Village Cemetery has been scraped and painted. Now all the gates in the Village Cemetery are fixed, painted and look very nice.

SOUTH ROAD CEMETERY

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Mr. Holmes said he spoke with cemetery worker Brian Lanseigne about mowing both the Leavitt and South Road Cemeteries.

WARRANT ARTICLE

There was some discussion relative to presenting a warrant article for the 2013 vote to repair some broken monuments. Mr. Stackpole felt that doing repairs to some monuments and not others could cause some dissention. Mrs. Bolduc offered that the repairs could be to those old broken stones where owners cannot be found or are no longer alive. She further suggested that the article might indicate that repairs should not be done in just one cemetery, but would be done to stones in various cemeteries in Town. After further conversation the Trustees asked Mrs. Bolduc to draft a sample article for them to review at the next meeting. She agreed to do so.

GOALS: The Trustees discussed the action items and goals for 2012 and agreed to the following:

VILLAGE CEMETERY

Leave on the goals list:

- The lots in the back of the Village Cemetery need to be leveled off and made ready to sell.
- The wall on the Brentwood end needs to be fixed.

Delete from the list:

- The uprooted trees behind the shed need to be cleared away.
- The well pump needs to be fixed.

LEAVITT CEMETERY

Leave on the goals list:

- The area that is open behind the wall still needs some loam spread.
- ~~Screen~~ and spread the loam that is already onsite.

Delete from the list:

- Repair/reset the double gate at the front of the cemetery.
- Install a hand pump at the well.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA PROGRAM

The Trustees received and reviewed:

- A May 14, 2012 correspondence from the Wreaths Across America Location Leader Gerry Tilly relative to expanding the Wreaths Across America program to include the placement of wreaths on the gravesides of veterans buried in Fremont's cemeteries that are exactly like those they make for the Arlington national Cemetery.
- A May 22, 2012 correspondence from Town Administrator Heidi Carlson requesting the Trustees to review the Tilly letter and respond with any questions or input to the process relative to expansion of the Wreaths Across America program.

The Trustees agreed that they would support the Wreaths Across America Program and the placement of wreaths on the gravesites of veterans buried in Fremont's cemeteries between December 2, 2012 and December 15, 2012 with removal prior to April 15, 2012 in conjunction with the schedule of the

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program. Mrs. Bolduc agreed to send a letter to Ms. Tilly advising her of the Trustees support and thanking her for including Fremont in the wonderful tribute of the Wreaths Across America Program.

ACTING SUPERVISOR OF THE CEMETERY WORKERS

The Trustees reviewed the May 31, 2012 Selectmen's minutes pertaining to their discussion about cemetery work and having one of the Trustees as the Acting Supervisor so the summer seasonal help have a direct contact if they have any questions, and someone who can oversee the work and let the workers know about anything that is pressing to be done.

It was noted that the Selectmen received a complaint and some pictures relative to the Leavitt Cemetery having not been mowed and groomed for the Memorial Day celebration.

Mr. Holmes stated that he feels there is a lot of work to be done in the cemeteries in the summer and there may need to be another part time worker hired to do work that the current workers do not have time for. The Trustees reviewed the January 31 – May 31, 2012 Cemetery budget report. They also reviewed the Cemetery Account QuickReport showing the mowing wages line and the Cemetery Trustees Stipend line and agreed that there should be enough money left for the wages for the rest of the year.

Following additional discussion relative to the supervisory issue Mr. Stackpole made the motion to authorize Mr. Rand to act as Supervisor to the Cemetery workers. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with favorable vote. Mr. Rand accepted the position.

Correspondence

There was no incoming correspondence.

At 5:05 pm Mr. Stackpole made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with unanimous favorable vote.

Next meeting

The next scheduled meeting is 3:30 pm on Monday August 6, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Recording Secretary

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