



**Fremont Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2014**

Present: Cemetery Trustees Leon Holmes, Jr., Matthew Thomas and recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall.

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept the minutes of the June 2 and June 5, 2014 meetings as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with unanimous favorable vote.

Old business

VILLAGE CEMETERY

Trees:

Mr. Holmes reported that the large pine tree and a clump of several maple trees near the maintenance shed in the back of the Village Cemetery that were uprooted and leaning into other trees have been removed.

Well pump/water lines:

Joe Fitzpatrick has installed a new stainless steel 10GPM 2-wire 230 volt submersible system with wr-60 cycle tank and necessary brass trim with new drop pipe, and seal and cable. During installation of the pump it was found that the electric wiring to the pump needs to be replaced. K. P. Electric was contacted and has submitted an estimate of \$769.03 for labor and materials to install a new pump line in the pipe. Two more estimates need to be obtained and submitted.

Grave digger: Mrs. Bolduc said that as per the last meeting, the Trustees chose to go with Charles Hayes and his son for grave digging. The Town has contacted area funeral homes to relay that information and also to let them know that opening a grave for cremation burial will be done by the Town.

Cemetery Walls - east (Brentwood) end: at the June 2, 2014 meeting Mr. Holmes reported that he met with Ken Fife of Twin Elms Landscape about repairing the walls in the cemetery. Mr. Fife offered a quote of \$3,000 which would include using Town equipment if needed. There was a conversation relative to the need to go through an abutting property to get to the wall. Mr. Holmes said he will contact Steve Tomacz before the next meeting for a second price quote.

LEAVITT CEMETERY

Mr. Holmes said that seed and straw will be purchased and spread as planned for the second week after Labor Day.

New business

VILLAGE CEMETERY

Replacement tree: Mr. Thomas said he would like to see a tree or two (preferably maple) planted to replace the big old maple tree that used to be there. There was a discussion relative to a preferable location for a new planting.

Interior road use concern: Mr. Thomas reported that he was at the Village Cemetery just before today's meeting and he observed a driver training vehicle from Benson's Driving School driving in the cemetery.

Mr. Thomas said that due to the limited space and potential danger to cornerstones and monuments that are placed close to the narrow interior roads, he is against allowing the driving school to use the interior roads of the Cemetery for practice by inexperienced drivers. Mr. Holmes agreed with Mr. Thomas that the narrow interior cemetery roads should not be used for driving practice.

The Trustees instructed Mrs. Bolduc to forward their concerns to the Selectmen and request a letter be sent to the driving school with instructions to stop the use of the interior roadways of the Village Cemetery for driving practice.

Mr. Thomas reported that when he was at the Village Cemetery this afternoon he found the back doors to the shed unlocked and wide open. This will be reported to Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

LEAVITT CEMETERY

Kenneth Hall contacted Mrs. Bolduc about a missing stone for his grandfather, Civil War veteran Josiah West. She and Mr. Holmes met with Mr. Hall at the Leavitt Cemetery on July 31, 2014 to check this out and found that there are 3 monument stones that were broken off near the base and are not in the cemetery. One could be that of Mr. West. Mr. Hall described Mr. West's monument stone as about 3' tall, 3" or 4" thick with all of the information of his Civil War history engraved on it.

Several years ago there was a large tree removed because it was threatening those monuments, but it is not known where the monuments are at this time. Mr. Holmes said he checked the shed at the Town Hall and the one at the Village Cemetery to see if they were taken there, but did not find them. Mrs. Bolduc has since found a map of that section of the Cemetery so they will go back to try to locate the West stone.

CEMETERY ORDINANCE & GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Trustees did not discuss the Cemetery Ordinance amendment at this meeting, but agreed that the amendment is a work in progress and will be further discussed at the next meeting.

2015 CEMETERIES BUDGET

The Trustees reviewed the Cemeteries expenditure report as of June 30, 2014 to determine current spending and what they would need to request for the 2015 Cemeteries Budget. They discussed adding a new line for projects such as gates and stone wall repair. The Trustees decided they need to see the end of summer spending (end of August), especially in the Mowing Wages line before they could make an accurate request for 2015. The budget will be discussed at the September 8, 2015 meeting.

MOWER

Mr. Holmes reported that the engine blew in the Snapper Zero Turn mower that was purchased 3 or 4 years ago and Brentwood Machines went 100% good for the replacement engine. He said that there has been minimal maintenance cost for the mowers this year.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The Trustees received a July 22, 2014 correspondence from Gerry Tilley requesting permission to continue the Wreaths Across America Program where wreaths will be placed on each veteran's grave in Fremont's Cemeteries between December 1 and December 16, 2014. The wreaths will be removed prior to April 15, 2015, weather permitting.

The Trustees agreed that they have no problem with the placement of the wreaths as long as they are removed prior to the April 1, 2015 when the Cemeteries reopen for the summer.

A correspondence will be sent to Mrs. Tilley supporting the Wreaths Across America program and thanking her for including Fremont in this program.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Mrs. Bolduc reported that 2 more lots in the Leavitt Cemetery have been spoken for and she is waiting to receive a check before drawing up the deeds.

NEW SIGNS

There was a discussion relative to a \$650 donation from the Fremont 250th Committee for new signs in the Leavitt, Village and Sleeper Cemeteries. There was a conversation about what material would be used (wood vs. metal). The Trustees agreed that the old signs really need replacing and they are very grateful for this donation. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

HOYT CURRIER CEMETERY

There was a conversation relative to replacing the gate at the Hoyt Currier Cemetery on South Road. The estimates and pictures from when the gates in the Village Cemetery were replaced a couple of years ago were reviewed. All agreed that Bob Henderson did a wonderful job on the gates and Mr. Holmes agreed to contact him about making another one.

GOALS: The Trustees agreed on the following goals for 2014:

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1. VILLAGE CEMETERY

- Repair the wall on the east (Brentwood) end.
- Repair the wall to the South end.
- Repair the well pump and/or water lines.

2. LEAVITT CEMETERY

- Spread some loam in the area that is open behind the wall.
- Remove some small trees on the far right of the first section.
- Build and gravel 2 additional interior roads.

3. HOYT CURRIER CEMETERY

- Replace gate.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no incoming correspondence.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 pm on Monday September 8, 2014.

At 5:40 pm Mr. Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Recording Secretary

Action items:

Bolduc:

- Draft a correspondence to the Selectmen relative to the Trustees concerns about a driving school using the interior roads in the Village Cemetery.
- Report open shed doors at Village Cemetery.
- Send a thank you correspondence to Mrs. Tilley re Wreaths Across America.

Holmes:

- Contact Steve Tomacz about wall repair – Village Cemetery.
- Contact Bob Henderson about making a gate for the Hoyt Currier Cemetery.