

Hooksett Cemetery Commission Meeting Tuesday, June 23, 2009

3pm at Head's Cemetery
4pm meeting to follow at the Hooksett Public Library

Present: Sharron Champagne, Tina Paquette

Absent: Joanne Burwell

Town Citizen: Mike Horne

3:00pm met with a monument company and did a walk-thru of Head's Cemetery to discuss the possibility of up-righting monuments and view the location of a monument soon to be installed.

The representative from the monument company was of the opinion, through past experiences, that moving any of the monuments could cause further damage and he thought it best to not disturb the monuments.

New Business:

New Burial Deeds Issued – Sharron sold lot 217 at Heads for \$300.00 and she is working with someone looking to buy a plot.

Annual Town Report – Due at the Town's administration office, will be written and sent by Sharron Champagne.

Headstones in Head's Cemetery – After the walk-through the trustees reviewed what transpired when viewing the location of a new headstone to be installed in Head's new section. It was discussed that the cemetery rules indicate no upright headstones were permitted. This decision was made in 1990 for ease of maintenance.

One of the trustees had a conversation with the Head of the Highway Department and asked him if it was ok with him to have headstones in Head's Cemetery. He said he didn't have a problem with headstones in the cemetery it wouldn't interfere with maintenance. A headstone had been made and will be installed in July. This headstone was not approved by the Hooksett Cemetery Commission. The trustees felt that they should abide by the rule of 1990 but since the stone was ready to be installed and it wouldn't interfere with the maintenance that it would be ok to let the family have the headstone installed. This headstone issue wasn't formally brought to the commission it was approved by Dale Hemeon, Highway Department Manager.

Old Business:

Survey of Heads and Martins Cemeteries – Comparing of ground data to maps and computer data should be done and we will work towards that goal for Head's and Martin's Cemeteries. Dates will be scheduled soon. Mike Horne will contact other cemetery commissions to see how they do inventory and mark plots out and report back at the next meeting.

Monument Maintenance – After the walk through the commission feels that their needs to be further research in this area before making any decisions.

Clearing of Flush Headstones – Locations and clearings need to be done. We will see if this could be a project for a group like the boy scouts.

Cost of Numbered Ground Markers – Prices will be looked into by Mike Horne and also the monument company we walked with today said they could make some as well.

Head's Cemetery Iron Marker – Located in front of the Mausoleum. Don from the monument company suggested that the iron marker be removed and engrave the name of the cemetery on the top granite stones that make up the mausoleum.

The Commission agreed with his idea as it would leave the view of the mausoleum clear and neat looking and would not need further upkeep in the future.

Coffin Locaters – Tina had another locater made. We now have two locaters and will look into getting another one so that each trustee will have one.

Budget Reminder:

Costs of any items need to be obtained for submission to the Administration and Finance due in September 2009 for fiscal year July 1, 2010 – June 20, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina M. Paquette
Chairman