

## **MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

### **New Castle Cemetery Trustees monthly meeting at New Castle Town Hall, 3.30 p.m.**

Present: Jim Cerny, Terri Golter, Carol White

Visitors: Deb Knowles, Nancy LaRose

1. The July minutes were approved.

2.1 – We looked over the budget. No major expenses except for mowing. I'll send Jim the receipt for a combination chain lock for Riverside Cemetery. Last year someone kept opening the gate and leaving it open. I will give the combination to the fire and police departments. Terri purchased a large flag for Oceanside and will also send the receipt to Jim for payment.

2.2 – Deb Knowles stopped in to inform us that Mike Petlick has signed the required workmen's comp. forms but there is still one form left to sign which must be signed this week. Terri will contact him.

2.3 – We will hold off on mowing Riverside for a while because of the dry conditions.

2.4 – The area where the stump was removed in Riverside needs to be seeded but we'll hold off for a while because it's so dry.

3.1 – There have been no new sales or burials. Pamela Poole has died and her husband wants her buried in the family lot. There are questions about the size of the stone he wants erected. The family will contact us.

3.2 – Carl Munro recently died and will be buried at Riverside at the family's convenience. Terri will locate the correct plot for this burial. Ted Robinson has recently died but we don't know about burial arrangements.

Nancy LaRose's mother Stella would like to have a casket burial and be buried with her family members. She does not want to be cremated. In the past, I probed the LaRose plot. There is not a place in the walkway next to it as I hit a coffin. We have no idea who is buried there. There appears to be room at the foot of the plot.

3.3 – Louis Klotz's girlfriend, Kathy Wolfson, would like to be buried with Louis. As there is no paperwork giving permission for this to happen, Carol has contacted Louis' two daughters. They will consider the request and send us a notarized letter indicating their decision on this matter.

4.1 – A woman from Greenland whose three year old child is dying requested to purchase a burial plot at Oceanside. Unfortunately she does not meet our requirements for the purchase of a lot in New Castle. With deep sympathy, we had to turn down her request.

Terri has typed up the regulations regarding the purchase of a plot in New Castle but was unable to get her computer to print it out. She'll have to re-type it and print it for signature.

Then it will be presented to the town in a public meeting. Jim will check with the select board to see how they want us to do this.

We reviewed all outstanding things that the Trustees should be working on that have been discussed in previous months. We decided not to put up a sign at Prescott Cemetery as the dog problem seems to have been solved.

Kai will be in Portsmouth repairing graves at the Union Cemetery. Carol will contact him. We want him to come out and see what stones will need repairing in the future.

There is a problem at Riverside with workmen parking in the cemetery while working on the nearby new house construction. There is a danger that their big trailers may damage stones. Terri will check into signage for this.

Carol will tell Terri which picture is missing for the Historic New England sign. As this project has dragged on so long, we will have to re-apply for the money to put up the sign. In other words, we're right back at the beginning again.

Someone has been cutting branches off trees between the Frost Cemetery and Henry's Market and dumping them in the cemetery. Terri will ask David Borden if he knows anything about this.

5.1 – Jim found a lot of old cemetery trustee minutes in the town vault.

5.2 – Our source of water for Riverside Cemetery may not be there in the future as the homeowner supplying the water has put their house up for sale. Jim will mention this possibility to Dave McGuckin.

5.3 – The request to bury Howie Russell's sister's ashes on his Oceanside lot has been granted.

5.4 - Jim will be attending the fall NHCA meeting in Concord on Oct. 15.

Next Meeting: October 15, at 3.30 p.m.

Carol White, Secretary