

MINUTES FOR MAY 20, 2015

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

Present: Jim Cerny, Terri Golter, Carol White

Visitor: Deb Knowles

1. The April minutes were approved.

2.1 – Current budget is basically the same as last month.

2.2 – Since it is so dry, the grass is not growing. Some of the sod near recent burials has died and may need to be replaced/reseeded. Mike will be mowing the cemeteries before Memorial Day.

2.3 - One outstanding bill of Mike's needs to be paid. A fall cleanup bill is still outstanding but it appears to be higher than normal. Terri will check on this with Mike. Mike's bills are complicated and he often double bills us. Terri spends a lot of time trying to straighten them out.

2.4 – Discussed the new accounting system in town. Basically there are no changes to our accounts. Deb Knowles checked accounts payable for one of the unpaid bills of Mike's and found it was paid last week.

3.1 - Pending burials

Eileen Rais – a lot will be purchased in Oceanside for cremation burial

Sally McGuckin – cremation burial not yet scheduled for Oceanside (1,6)

Miriam Callahan – casket burial in Riverside, May 22

Joy Straw – Oceanside lot purchased by family (43, 9L), burial May 29

Wiswall - cremation burial in Oceanside June 14

Bill Williams – burial in Riverside in Pridham lot, no date yet

George Munro – burial in Riverside in June

Stella LaRose – cremation burial in Riverside

Klaussen – cremation burial to be done eventually in the Klaussen lot.

3.2 – Harv Levin has requested to purchase a total of four lots in Oceanside. That was unanimously approved but he may not need all these lots as many cremations can go into one lot.

3.3 – After probing a number of lots at Oceanside, a lot of ledge has been found in many areas. This will not allow casket burials in many of the lots; only cremation burials. We may need to map this ledge before selling these lots. As a result of this, the following policy was discussed and approved unanimously:

Due to the limited cemetery space in Oceanside Cemetery and also due to the large amount of ledge in this cemetery, the maximum number of lots allowed to be purchased by each qualifying person is two lots.

Definition:

Qualifying Person – See “Who May Purchased” section of the Rules and Regulations for New Castle Cemeteries

4.1 – Carol will ask Pam to add the above regulation to the Cemetery Trustee page on the town website.

4.2 - All flags have been placed on veteran’s graves except for Frost and Prescott Cemeteries and those will be done this week.

4.3 – Frost Cemetery Marker – Carol contacted Historic New England. They have been swamped with work and just haven’t gotten to our historic sign yet. Carol created a list of all sources for the information which is going on the sign and has submitted it to HNE. They also sent us a copy of the original trust agreement which appears to also provide money for the repair of the gravestones. We have three stones in need of repair and Carol will have Kai give us an estimate on their repair cost.

4.4 – The water has been turned on at both Riverside and Oceanside.

4.5 – Jim will send a FYI memo to boards about the 25’ set back zone around cemeteries. We discussed whether this would affect any new owners of the Prince property who might want to put a generator with the setback area.

4.6 – Wetlands status of Oceanside Cemetery Phase II – Jim has created a rough draft of a letter to the Conservation commission inquiring about the possible wetlands area in the Oceanside Cemetery to see what their determination is about possible future use of this area. The letter still has not been sent. It will be sent this month.

5.1 – Jim will be attending the AG seminar on June 4.

5.2 – Carol will meet with Kai Nalenz to plan phase 3 of gravestone repairs.

5.3 – The Shortill petition to purchase an Oceanside lot was unanimously denied as he did not meet the requirements as a qualified person to purchase a lot.

Next Meeting: June 17, at 3.30 p.m.

Carol White, Secretary