

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 20 2017

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

Present: Jim Cerny, Terri Golter, Holly Fraumeni, Carol White,

1 - The November minutes were approved as corrected.

2.1 – The budget is fine. There is little change from last month

2.2 – Mike sent us some invoices. One invoice was a duplicate so it will not be paid.

3.1 – The family has chosen lot 37,9, a 10' by 10' lot. In the spring Suzanne Chance's stone will be moved to this lot. At that time, Tim Griffin will also dig underneath where the stone was in an attempt to location her cremation urn. **Jim** will e-mail Manny Peralta that everything will now have to wait until spring due to the weather.

3.2 – Jim made a motion which Carol seconded that: The Cemetery Trustees agree to receive, from Laurie Clark, the additional piece of land, approx. 160 sq. feet, where her relatives are buried as an addition to Riverside Cemetery. This piece of land is according to the 20 Nov. 2017 survey done by Ambit. This motion passes unanimously.

Tonight, there will be a meeting of the Planning Board to discuss the gift of this private land to the town. Jim will be attending. After all approvals are received, the Trustees foresee the following things will need to be done.

1. To get the TOTF to issue a check for \$800 to Laurie to buy back the lot she currently owns in the Riverside Cemetery.
2. To then plan where we will move Laurie's husband in the spring (presumably with her guidance).
3. To plan what sort of fencing we want to use, getting pricing.
4. To decide on keeping the pachysandra and raising the stones a bit. There are one or two small, decorative trees growing in the burial area which also need to be removed.

3.3 – Jim will follow up with the funeral home to get a copy of the Cheryl Came Caine cremation certificate

3.4 – Jim has called Tim Griffin about the burial of Thomas Tarbell in the Riverside Cemetery but no return call yet.

3.5 – Micum Davis was working in Riverside this week. He can't finish all the tree work until spring but the major work is done. His payment will come out of our grounds maintenance fund.

4.1 – Quinlan Memorials is handling the gravestones for the Bowker/Whitman lots. The grave is all marked out but there's no date for the installation of the stones yet.

4.2 – The Gilman Funeral Home in Putnam, CT, contacted Jim on behalf of the Skidmore family. The family was interested in costs etc. of purchasing a lot but are not ready to purchase it yet.

5.1 – We will be sending a thank you to Steve and Ben for all their help and assistance to the Cemetery Trustees.

5.2 – We were offered the opportunity to revise our town web page but we're happy the way it currently is.

5.3 – **Jim** needs to contact the Burns family about their purchase of lot 4,3 instead of lot 4, 1 in Oceanside.

5.4 – A house at the top of Bos'n Hill was recently having septic system work down. Their contractors found on top of the holding tank a gravestone. Jim currently has the stone at his house. Carol researched the stone and found it belonged to a child who lived in Portsmouth. The child's grandparents and uncles are buried in Portsmouth. We believe the child may have been buried with the grandparents. **Jim** will contact Tim Griffin and see if he wants to put the stone on that lot. There appears to be no connection to New Castle for this family.

5.5 – Jim is working on the list of deaths for 2017 of people affiliated with New Castle.

5.6 – Carol mentioned that Mike cut up a lot of fallen branches in the Prescott Cemetery but did not remove them as he was supposed to. Terri said the same was true of the Riverside and Oceanside Cemeteries. She texted him to remind him to clean it up.

5.7 – We need to be sure to put an item on the warrant for the town meeting in May. This will be to authorize the TOTF to transfer some of the cemetery money they are currently holding into our account for expenses in 2018.

Next Meeting: January 17 at 3.30 p.m.

Carol White, Secretary