

Minutes of the Cemetery Trustees

August 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 1630 by June Sawyer. Members present were June Sawyer, John LaBonte, and Sexton Fred Hutton. Guests were Colin Laverty, Paul Deschaine, Bruce Scamman, and JJ MacBride. Bob Cushman is in Portsmouth Hospital and unable to attend.

1. Colin Laverty was introduced as the new Highway Agent for the Town of Stratham. He wanted us to know that he is willing to assist us at the cemeteries in any way he can. He requested a copy of our regulations which he was given.
2. Bruce Scamman and JJ MacBride were here from Emanuel Engineering. They have completed the existing conditions maps and laid out the new additions. A great deal of discussion followed regarding the Cremation Garden layout and the boundary issues. Motion was made and seconded that we keep back 10 feet from the fence (on boundary line) and increase the block sections where possible. Passed. In regards to the Cremation Garden it was decided to lay out the entire area on the plans but to sell them in smaller areas, so as to keep it confined and not spread out across the entire area. It is estimated that we will have approximately 1,000 cremation sites.

Boundary markers were discussed and pictures of the existing ones were viewed. It was decided that we will not place PVC markers as in the past as they tend to break down over time. It was decided to use 1 ½ inch pipe for the new markers and to get some 2 inch pipe to go around the PVC ones so that it will be easy to locate them with a metal detector in the future. Emanuel Engineering will complete the plans and get back to us.

3. The problems of the Church septic system over flowing to Cemetery property were discussed. Emanuel Engineering is also working with the Church on this problem. Terry Barnes, Stratham Code Enforcement, is also working with them to correct the problem. We will all be watchful of the situation to protect the cemetery property from contamination.
4. Due to the gravity of Bob's condition, June had asked Mr. Deschaine to join us to discuss what the process of filling a vacancy within the board would be. He said

that State Law says that the Board of Selectmen shall appoint someone to fill out the term that remains open. When asked if we could recommend someone he said yes but that the Selectmen did not have to honor it. John introduced a motion that we recommend Fred Hutton to the Selectmen, and then at the next meeting we would appoint a new Sexton. This passed .

5. June passed out the books from the Attorney General's Office but due to the late time they were not discussed.

6. Seacoast Monuments is in the process of fixing the bench at Maple Lane. They will be placing a concrete base and securing the bench to it.

7. A citizen had asked about water at the Greenwood Cemetery. The well that was there had been contaminated many years ago and there is no electricity to run a pump. June will let the citizen know we discussed it and at the present time there is nothing we can do.

Meeting adjourned at 1835

June Sawyer