

# Minutes of Washington Cemetery Trustees' Meeting

**Date:** August 24, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Phil Barker (chair), Kathy West and Kitty West (bookkeeper). Arlene France was also in attendance.

**Minutes Approved:** Minutes were approved for July 27, 2015 as written.

## Old Business:

We had one cremation interment this month.

Phil contacted Stone Vault to see why they haven't started work in the East Washington Cemetery as yet. It seems there was a communication gap. They were waiting for an okay from us before starting.

We signed the authorization to pay form for cemetery maintenance for August.

Kitty met with Nan Shwartz and gave her the information we have for a page on the town's web site.

We met Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at the graveyard on the Marlow side of Ashuelot Pond with Sophie Souza, the landowner. She and her husband have agreed to cut down any trees we wish removed. We decided the brush needs to be cleaned up before we can see what trees we want to save. The Trustees then went to the graveyard at Ed's Corner and decided which trees to save. We will come back next month with a chain saw to do the work.

## New Business:

Arlene France brought to our attention a change under RSA 31:19-a for Trustees of Trust Funds which allows Cemetery Trustees to expend the principal as well as the interest in the Cemetery Maintenance Fund to help fund short term maintenance needs.

There is a large branch down at the back of the Old Center Cemetery. Phil will go in and drag it down by the crypts where Kathy and Kitty can get to it. They will cut it up and remove it.

Kitty noted that according to RSA 289:5, "Private burial records shall be kept by the land owner and a copy shall be supplied to the Cemetery Trustees."

Kitty wrote to Terry Knowles, in the Attorney General's office, to see if the original list of people who may be buried in a lot or lots can be added to after the original owner's death, by those who inherit the lot or lots. Her answer, in so many words, was, "yes."

Kathy has been researching the deeds of the property where the abandoned graveyard is located on the Marlow side of Ashuelot Pond. After hours spent on the computer she still hasn't gone back far enough to where the graveyard was first mentioned.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Bookkeeper,