

# Minutes of Washington Cemetery Trustees' Meeting

**Date:** November 30, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Phil Barker (chair), Kathy West and Kitty West (bookkeeper).

**Minutes Approved:** Minutes were approved for October 26, 2015 as written.

## Old Business:

We initialed Stone Vault's bills, authorizing payment. One of the repaired stones in the East Washington Cemetery fell before the epoxy had hardened and needs to be done over.

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

Kathy and Kitty drove by the graveyard on the Marlow side of Ashuelot Pond and the brush has not been cut yet. They will return to mark trees that are to be saved; the rest are to come down.

## New Business:

The flags were removed from the cemeteries after Veterans' Day. We have 141 flags in good condition and will order 5 dozen flags for next year.

In the spring we ordered flags for the Paul Section of the East Washington Cemetery with black plastic sticks to see if they hold up better than the wooden sticks. When the flags were removed, it was found that these flag sticks were also wood but painted black. So much for our experiment. Kitty went to the company that the flags were purchased from and they will return to us the difference between the price of black sticks and their regular wooden sticks.

In the New Center Cemetery there were five small American flags placed by loved ones. We have no record of these men having served in the American armed forces. If we are notified that they have served, we will place flags on their graves in the future.

Kathy has researched the land titles on the graveyard on the Marlow side of Ashuelot Pond and can find no reference to the cemetery before the Russell heirs. We feel that the graveyard is that of Allen Russell and shall hereafter refer to it as the Russell Graveyard.

We received LaValley Northern Services' bid for cemetery maintenance for 2016. It is for the same amount as last year's bid. We have been very pleased with the quality of their work, therefore we accepted their bid and signed the contracts for next year.

We reviewed our 2015 budget and came up with a figure for our 2016 budget request.

As this year's work appears to be completed, we will not have a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Bookkeeper,