

Minutes of Washington Cemetery Trustees' Meeting

Date: July 31st, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Phil Barker (chair), Jon Gibson and Kitty West (bookkeeper)

Minutes Approved: Minutes were approved for June 13th, 2017 as written.

Old Business:

Stone Vault has not yet contacted Phil to go over what we need done for stone work.

We still have not heard back from Terry Knowles on how to issue perpetual care funds if we do not know the cost of the cemetery maintenance.

Phil and Jon will install the new posts for the cemetery entrances.

Phil's and Jon's schedules have not yet been such that they have been able to get together for Phil to show Jon how to locate a lot within a cemetery or a grave within a lot.

On Thursday, June 29th, Kitty went to the selectmen's meeting to present a few complaints on the cemetery maintenance: broken ornaments, an overturned monument, woody growth that was not cut, and grass that was not trimmed. Selectman Tom Marshall said that the highway department is growing and learning the ropes. To please be patient.

New Business:

We had two interments in July and there is one scheduled for August.

Three rights of interment were sold this month.

We reviewed the notes from the Cemetery Trustees Seminar which led into a discussion on cemetery maintenance.

At 8 pm we adjourned to the New Center Cemetery.

- We viewed the extent of the damage to the lawn from the car that had to be pulled out of the mud. Phil said he would fill in the ruts.
- A monument was broken. Ed Thayer said it was thought that the mower picked up a stone which hit the monument. No stone was found and it didn't look like a stone had hit it. Upon examining some of the other stones in the area many were found to have scrapes and chips from the mower.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Bookkeeper,
Kitty West