

Minutes of Washington Cemetery Trustees' Meeting

Date: May 22nd, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved: Minutes were approved for April 24th, 2017 as written.

Old Business:

In our cemetery walkthrough in April we found that many of the small monuments are not very stable. A child could easily topple one of them and injure him or herself. Phil will contact Stone Vault to get an estimate for correcting this situation. Kitty will check with Arlene France to see if we can use money from the maintenance fund to cover some of the repairs.

Phil and Kitty attended the Trustees of Trust Funds meeting on Friday, April 28th, to find out what their requirements are to issue perpetual care funds. They said they would send us a letter, to present to the selectmen, stating their requirements that we could use in our argument. Phil decided to write Terry Knowles for her opinion on the situation before seeing the selectmen.

In his on-line search, Jon came up with a phone number for a daughter, in New London, of one of the parties in the lot mix up. Phil will contact her.

The Selectmen said that bids are no longer required for work to be done. We are to give them an estimate for their approval. We received two estimates to replace the four gate posts in the East Washington Cemetery and also have two new ones placed at the Old Center Cemetery. One bid was much higher than the other. We will present the lower bid to the selectmen.

New Business:

The trustees of trust funds asked when they are to receive the money to cover the three missing perpetual care funds. Debbie, the executive administrator, said that the money would be given to the trustees of trust funds in July, when the town receives the property tax funds.

The cemetery trustees' seminar, in Concord, will be on June 19th in Concord. Kitty will send in the RSVP.

We had an ash interment in the Old Section of the New Washington Center Cemetery on May 15th and there will be a double ash interment this coming Saturday, May 27th in the Paul Section of the East Washington Cemetery.

Phil will show Jon how burial spots are located within a lot at one of the town's cemeteries.

Phil noted that the cemetery trustees meetings are not being posted, along with the other town meetings, in the selectmen's minutes, nor on the town's website.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Bookkeeper,
Kitty West