

Cemetery Commission MEETING MINUTES

March 9 , 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:03PM by Chairman Upham.

Members present: Commissioners DeMoranville & Douillette.

Guests present: None

There was no meeting in February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Damage to the Town Cemeteries was discussed. Police reports were obtained for Pond and Canedy Cemeteries. Rita Garbit has received an insurance check for Canedy in the amount of \$2,510.03. This amount was the quoted replacement by Eastern Fence Company for vinyl posts, rails, and caps. It also included replacement of 4 granite posts. Pond Cemetery can not be charged to anyone as the driver does not have insurance. Commissioner DeMoranville offered to repair the wall.
2. Commissioner Douillette made a motion to accept Commissioner DeMoranville's offer to repair the wall and make available any needed funds to do so. 2nd, approved.
3. Commissioner DeMoranville made a motion to replace the damage vinyl post and rails with granite posts and iron rails. 2nd, Approved. Commissioner DeMoranville will discuss this issue with South East Fence Company and will report his findings at the next meeting.
4. Commissioner Douillette made a motion that any replacement of fencing be done in accordance with the original dimensions identified in the towns assessors office. 2nd Approved. Commissioner DeMoranville will look into this matter and discuss this with SouthEast Fence Company for compliance. Commissioner Douillette will be notified of the findings and report at the next meeting.
5. Commissioner Douillette presented photographs of Haskins Cemetery that appeared to have a top rail bent possibly from the dumping a huge amount of snow onto the town property and partly into the cemetery. She had spoken to the party involved who admitted placing the snow there for many years. Her motion to contact the party involved for making repairs to the damage rail was 2nd. Approved. Commissioner Upham will follow-up on this matter and report back at the next meeting. Commissioner DeMoranville will ask Southeast Fence for an estimate for repair.
6. Richmond Cemetery has damage and Chris Peck will look into this matter. The damage was probably done by a sub-contractor plowing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion was made regarding snow dumping and the plowing of snow during the winter months. Should this issue be made a part of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations? It was decided that this is a common sense issue and should be treated as such. Any violations will be addressed individually. Approved.
2. Winter burials was discussed and should they be made a part of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations? The common consensus is that if there is the ability to conduct a burial without suffering any liability, due to persons falling on ice or frozen ground, all attempts will be made to honor the request. At no time will any cemetery road be plowed to make passable funerals or visitors. All funeral homes have storage facilities for un-expected weather conditions. This issue will not be included into the Rules and Regulations. Approved.
3. Commissioner Douillette made a motion to conduct a survey on Robbins Cemetery to establish legal lines and corners and to have a sign made for it with the established date of 1848 painted on it. Additionally to erect a 4' high chain link fence with a gate 2nd, Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter from South East Fence Company regarding the free replacement of rods at Samson Cemetery and the free replacement of defective vinyl rails at Precinct and Thompson Hill was read and approved with no reply required.
2. Commissioner Upham read an old letter from the Board of Selectmen regarding the buffer zone for the golf course and Thompson Hill Cemetery. It was agreed that there is no present violation of the buffer zone. Approved.
3. Commissioner Upham related that he had received an E-Mail from Nancy LaFave of the Lakeville Historical Commission regarding having interested parties be "Friends of The Cemetery". Commissioner Douillette identified liability issues for the town and to have anyone working in the cemetery, other than commissioners or the highway department would be in violation of Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Commissioner Douillette made a motion to thank Ms. LaFave for her offer and interest. 2nd, approved.

Pay all Bills: Motion by Commissioner DeMoranville, 2nd and approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Next meeting will be held on April 20, 2011 at 7PM, Town Offices.