

Lakeville Cemetery Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 19,2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Upham.

Members present: Commissioners Upham, Beal and Morton.

Guests present: None

Minutes of the August 8,2017 meeting were read and approved.

Old Business:

1. Two new polyester flags have been purchased for the Veterans Cemetery.
2. A letter was sent on August 8, 2017 to Correia Custom Fence re completion of the fence repairs at McCully Cemetery. The work has been completed.
3. A new PVC sign has been made for Pond Cemetery by Wayne Kingsley.

The sign has been installed at the cemetery.
4. The dead tree at Ward Cemetery has been taken down by Beaver Tree Works.

New Business:

1. The posts and rods at Ward Cemetery need to be repaired and replaced. There are no posts to put the rods into. The front of the cemetery is the real problem. The rods are there but it appears that they were originally inserted into flat panels of wood. We will contact Southeast Fence and Correia Custom Fence for estimates. We will set a date and go to the cemetery with them. A target date is after the October Cemetery Commission meeting.

2. Many of the rods at Haskins Cemetery are bent. We will contact the fence companies for estimates. A suggestion was made to open the entrance wider because it is difficult to get into for burials. This item was tabled until we visit the cemetery after the October meeting.
3. The table monument for Phebe Turner's grave at Thompson Hill is collapsing. Chairman Upham has contacted Rex Monuments, who says it will need a new footing. A motion was made and seconded to contact other companies for ideas and estimates. Commissioner Beal questioned whether there might be any living relatives.
4. The road sign for Robbins Cemetery had been bent around the post. It was straightened by Commissioner Morton.
5. Commissioner Morton will have the Hafford Cemetery signs put up.
6. Trees at the back of Precinct Cemetery need to be taken down before they fall into the cemetery. Also, they are preventing burials from taking place in the third row. We will ask the Highway Dept. to remove them. If they can't, we will contact Chris Reed.
7. Chris Reed is asking for a higher fee for grave openings. We will contact local cemeteries to see what they pay their gravediggers for openings.
8. We need to review our fees and update them, then bring the new fees to the Selectmen for approval. Tabled until the next meeting.
9. Chairman Upham suggested that a stipend might be appropriate for the Cemetery Commissions due to all the work involved. He will discuss this with the Town Administrator. Tabled until the next meeting.
10. Chairman Upham presented a copy of the Diocese of Fall River's Proper Internment of Cremated Remains to the Commissioners for use as a reference guide.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be on October 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.