

Shaftsbury Cemetery Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting through GoToMeeting
Wednesday, June 03, 2020
(Draft)

Present: Kathy Cardiff, Chair; Neal Strong; Peggy Wilson; Ken Coonradt, Cemetery Superintendent; Marlene Hall, Town Clerk; David Keirnan, Town Administrator

Committee members not present: Elinor Hyjek, Joe Herrmann

Kathy Cardiff called meeting to order at 10:05

MINUTES

Minutes were presented from the May 6th meeting. Neal motioned to accept minutes as presented, Peggy seconded. So moved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Being that there were no public comments, Kathy asked for the Superintendent's Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

All Cemeteries

- Ken reported he and Austin have been updating the map for Center Cemetery. While the books are up to date, the maps are not. He and Austin will continue working on the maps for the other cemeteries to update all who have been buried there.
- Twenty headstones have been straightened at Maple and Grandview Cemeteries.
- Ken reported he has removed fewer artificial flowers this year than in years past. He believes people are getting the word that artificial plants are not allowed.
- Ken and Austin have trimmed along the fence lines
- Four spaces have been sold in Center Cemetery. Four sets of corner markers have been ordered.
- Pot holes have been filled in Grandview and Center Cemeteries.

Maple Hill Cemetery

- Ken and Austin installed a new split rail fence/gate with the help of Henry Martinka. Kathy will send a thank you note to Henry.

Village Cemetery

- Large headstone knocked over by fallen tree has been placed back on base with the help of the Road Crew.

Waite Cemetery

- Obelisk will be reset with the help of Henry Martinka.

SUPERINTDENENT POSITION

Dave will submit an ad to the local newspaper and hope to have candidates for the committee to interview soon.

Kathy will send the job description to the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Grandview Cemetery

Dave Mance has agreed to grid the new section of Grandview

Stone Cleaning/Straightening

Stone cleaning work that was scheduled for Grandview has been completed. Kathy asked for a motion to spend \$2,000 in FY '20-'21 to clean/straighten stones near the road at Maple Hill Cemetery. Neal made the motion, Peggy seconded. So moved.

Abandoned Lots

Dave has not yet heard back from the attorney on this matter.

Cemetery Regulations

Ken and Dave will work on changes for the Cemetery Regulations. They will present the changes for approval at the next meeting.

Fund from North Bennington

Kathy is not hopeful for getting money from the fund this year as the Village of North Bennington has promised money to help businesses affected by the pandemic.

Village Cemetery

Work is planned for the highway and water mains in the Village Cemetery area. Kathy asked for a consensus from the board to hold off on any work on the Village Cemetery fence until after the work is completed. All agreed.

Hollow Cemetery Right-of-Way

Ken has contacted D.J. Shaffer, he is willing discuss a legal right-of-way with the town for access to Hollow Cemetery.

With no other business to come before the committee, Neal made the motion to adjourn, Peggy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st 10:00am via GoToMeeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Hall