

Shaftsbury Cemetery Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting through GoToMeeting
Wednesday, July 01, 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 June 3rd meeting. Peggy motioned to accept minutes as presented, Neal 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 and Austin are in the process of installing five sets of corner markers that were ordered some time ago and finally arrived.
- Trimming and straightening of headstones have been done.
- Ken has been working on searches for people.

Maple Hill Cemetery

- Fence is complete. Ground seeded around fence.

Center Cemetery

- One of the new posts was hit by a car and broken. It has been replaced.

Waite Cemetery

- Obelisk has been reset with the help of Henry Martinka.

Cemetery Maps

- Center Cemetery Map has been 80% updated. Once complete, Ken and Austin will work on the maps for Waite, Maple Hill and Village Cemeteries.

SUPERINTENDENT POSITION

The following additions will be made to the Superintendent position description.

1. Under stone repair, take out "as time allows".
2. Add "It is the sole discretion of the Superintendent to allow funerals during inclement weather".
3. Add "All burials will be overseen by the Superintendent".
4. Add "Placement of all headstones must be okayed by the Superintendent".

Kathy, Ken and Dave will meet next week to choose 2 or 3 candidates to interview.

OLD BUSINESS

Grandview Cemetery

Ken will contact Dave Mance for an update on the gridding of the the new section of Grandview

Stone Cleaning/Straightening

Only one bid has been received so far, hoping for at least one more. Bid will include cleaning of 80 stones at Grandview, 60 stones at Maple Hill and 110 stones at Center.

Abandoned Lots

Peggy made the motion to start the process of the first few abandoned lots. Neal seconded. So moved.

Cemetery Regulations

Additions to the Cemetery Regulations will be as follows.

1. (#7) Add "banning of decorative benches, trees and bushes. Only benches allowed will need to be approved by Superintendent and be part of the memorial".

Fund from North Bennington

There has been no communication from North Bennington on this matter.

Hollow Cemetery Right-of-Way

D.J. Shaffer, will contact Ken next week to set up a time to discuss the right-of-way.

With no other business to come before the committee, Neal made the motion to adjourn, Peggy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th 10:00am via GoToMeeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Hall