

Shaftsbury Cemetery Committee Meeting

Cole Hall

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

(Draft)

Present: Kathy Cardiff, Chair; Betsey Habberfield; Peggy Wilson; Neal Strong; Jen Holley, Cemetery Superintendent; Marlene Hall, Town Clerk

Members not present: Joe Herrmann

Kathy Cardiff called meeting to order at 9:04

MINUTES

Minutes were presented from the September 14th meeting. Peggy motioned to accept minutes as presented, Betsey seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

BUDGET

Budget discussion was tabled as the information was not ready to be presented.

CORNER MARKERS

Jen would like to order marble corner markers vs granite. Marble is much more readily available at this time. After some discussion it was decided that if the marble did not work out, granite would once again be ordered no matter the wait time. Peggy made the motion to use marble markers, Neal seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Burials: There have been 4 Burials since the last meeting. Being (2) Grandview (Laslo), (Lebert), in (1) Village (Clark), and in (1) in Center (Hoard).

Cemify Update:

Cemify is going really well. They have just finished mapping Village to our plat map. With that said I need to explain something. Waite had a Plat map somewhat mapped by grave, and that is good. That is the only cemetery that we have that had this and it was approximately Correct. Meaning the Plat Map is Close to Being Right – I mean Close. I'm still working in Waite. But it is coming along very nice and almost done – but let me say this is the easy one.

Our other cemeteries are only mapped (if at all) by Plot not to grave level. For example: This means when Cemify maps the Plat we provide for the other cemeteries all burials in lot 7 whether they are grave 1,2,3 or 3A or 3B will all show up as being in lot 7 – and I will have to individually Note on each one that they are buried in grave 1,2,3 or 3A or 3B but they will NOT SHOW up on the MAPS – they will all be listed as Burials in lot 7. They will not be listed as individual graves like they are on the Map on Waite in Cemify.

In the Future, hopefully sooner than later Cemify does plan to upgrade their software and allow adding squares to the MAP, and at this point we will be able to do this on our end without cost (meaning adjust our PLAT Maps), and add the squares on the maps, but right now we can not.

This is not a fault of Cemify or a negative thing on them – it is because we do not have “True” Plats. If we did, this would not be an issue.

Most of my time is spent in Waite taking headstone photos then matching them up in the system – making sure we get everyone in the system and working on the Discrepancy Data files. This is the file of names that did not import properly, and they must be added individually for each cemetery.

Historical Requests: I had a few Historical Requests, and provided maps to visitors and citizens this month.

Messenger Tour: The tour for the Messenger Family went very well. The rain held off for them and it was very nice. Not all of their family came down from the lake because of the weather but after all of the research to find all of their 23 relatives, I am very glad they showed up. We toured Grandview and Center. They insisted on giving me a gift card, which I in turn gave the face value of the card to the Town to donate to the Huntington Fund since they were related to the Huntington's also. David said he would make sure it got in there.

CEMIFY

Jen gave a presentation on the Cemify program she has been working on, all were in agreement it is a big improvement over the system we have used for years. Kathy asked that she schedule a time to be put on the agenda for a Select Board meeting so the board can also see what will be used.

OTHER BUSINESS

The roof in the small building at Center still need to be fixed. Jen will talk to the Road Crew about that.

A post at Center was knocked down. There should be posts available to replace it.

The stone entryway at Center off of Tunic Road has been damaged. The entryway will be closed until it can be repaired to avoid additional damage to the stone or possibly to a car driving through it.

With no other business to come before the committee, Neal made the motion to adjourn, Betsey seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022 at 9:00am, upstairs at Cole Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Hall