

Shaftsbury Cemetery Committee Meeting

Cole Hall
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
(Draft)

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

Members not present:

Kathy Cardiff called meeting to order at 9:00

MINUTES

Minutes were presented from the December 7th meeting. Peggy motioned to accept minutes as presented (with one minor change), Betsey seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Burials: Since our last meeting there have only been 4 burials.

1. Samuel Greene (Center)
2. Mary Lou Cross (Center)
3. Ed Myers (Grandview)
4. Charles Becker (Center)

Updates:

David will schedule a time when I can show the Select Board Cemify when he has room in the schedule. I can show the Committee at the next meeting. Kathy, please add it to the next Agenda.

Cemify is continuing to go well. I have built search function to link our website users to Cemify once we are ready to do so. It will be a great way to push them to the Cemify website to find the burial/information they are looking for or just to search cemetery records.

The new source of Cornerstones (**Upstate Stone Works** - Georgia) is working out very well. They have agreed to build and ship 4x4x4 Granite cornerstones and ship them to us for \$150.00. Although the first invoice came through as \$158.00 ea and I nor David noticed and I apologize for that. I notified them that I need 6 more sets and to please send another invoice for the agreed upon price of \$150. Ea – So maybe they will make it right and give us a \$40. Credit.

Cons: They are 2" smaller than previous markers

Pros:

- We can get them in 4-5 weeks.
- They are the same price we have been paying.
- They are 2" smaller than previous markers
- They obviously weigh less.

Spring cleanup in the Cemeteries is Planned for the first week of May, if not sooner. It all depends on the weather.

Jen asked about replacing stones that are broken and/or unreadable. Who is responsible? She asked that a definition be produced detailing perpetual care.

PROJECTS 2023

Center: Part of the fence collapsed, Jen has repaired part and the road crew will repair the rest.

Grandview: Lamb Rd fence has collapsed. L & G should be replacing fence soon. DPW will replace roof on small building soon.

Waite: Flag needs to be replaced.

PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS

McCullough Library is interested in collaborating with Shaftsbury Cemetery Committee to do programs for the community.

Kathy asked the committee members to think about possible programs. She will invite Jennie Rozycki from McCullough Library and Jim Cassidy from the Shaftsbury Historical Society to join the committee at the next meeting to discuss ideas.

BOARD COMPOSITION

Kathy informed the committee that Joe Herrmann has resigned from the committee. Neal Strong announced that he will be resigning when a replacement is found for his position. We thank them both for their service to Shaftsbury.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 at 9:00am, upstairs at Cole Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Hall