

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

Monday, April 29, 2019

- A. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Tim Lamson, Chairman, at 1:35 pm. The following members were present: Elliott Morse, and Emily Goyette, Clerk. Mark Lane joined the meeting at 1:50. Florence Morse was also in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - As this was the first meeting of the newly formed Cemetery Committee, there were no previous meeting minutes to approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

B. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

- 1. Maintenance of mowers, trimmers, tractor, chain saw and**
- 2. New equipment needed or refurbish old equipment?**

Elliott will take the Kubota mowing tractor to Champlain Valley Equipment for its annual servicing; Tim will perform the maintenance needed on the hand mower and trimmer. Elliott will purchase a new hand mower with high rear wheels.

- 3. Supplies needed**

Tim and Elliott will purchase the following: safety glasses, work gloves, woodchuck smoke bombs, dark stain for pressure treated posts, paint thinner & brushes, and grass seed.

- 4. Doty: clearing trees, branches, and having a bonfire**

There was discussion around the dead tree along Dodge Road, outside of Doty Cemetery, that needs to be removed. The Town Tree Warden indicated that a new tree needed to be planted to replace it. A new maple was planted inside the cemetery but it subsequently died. Elliott reported that there had been mention of moving a lilac from the property that is being demolished across Route 2 from the town offices to Doty. Elliott pointed out that the town cemetery policy specifically prohibits the planting of trees and shrubs within our cemeteries without permission. Trees and shrubs make mowing and general maintenance difficult. Elliott will contact Paul Cate to voice the committee's concern.

5. **Tinkham: trimming and repair work needed, including woodchuck holes**
Work for this year will include overgrowth and brush clearing, repairing the gate door, righting stones that have tipped over, and woodchuck elimination
6. **All other graveyard sites that require specific maintenance, repairs, and tree work**
Elliott will get flags from the VFW for Memorial Day installation and any symbols needed for Revolutionary War heroes. There are broken stones in the Village and Cutler cemeteries with no ancestors left to contact to effect repairs. Elliott will repair as needed, but if a tractor is required, he will call a subcontractor to assist.
7. **Painting of posts**
Painting and staining of the posts that comprise the fencing around our cemeteries will be taken care of as needed
8. **Report on how the refurbished Gould and Willard Cutler sites are coming along**
No discussion
9. **New burial sheets/rules**
It was suggested that we up the price of lots by \$100. Emily to check pricing in nearby towns and report at next meeting.
10. **Burials coming up**
Full burial at Doty May 18, cremation 6/8
11. **Job descriptions: who is doing what, signatures needed?**
Elliott's is done; Tim and Nick will take care of theirs
12. **Possible flags, war markers, and grave site reference for the public at the sites: guest sign in and map/listings**
This is a project that Tim would like to pursue, fully supported by the Committee

C. OTHER BUSINESS

It was decided that the committee would meet at the town offices every two months on the first Monday of the month at 4 pm beginning in June.

Elliott, Emily, and Mark will attend the Vermont Cemetery Association meeting on May 9th.

D. ADJOURN - The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:35 pm.