

**TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER**  
**CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Saturday, May 1, 2021 at Cutler Cemetery**

**A. 10:00 AM CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Tim Lamson, Chairman, at 10:00 am. The following members were present: Elliott Morse, Mark Lane, and Emily Goyette, Clerk. Florence Morse was also in attendance.

1. Approve Minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting – Not discussed
2. Additions to the Agenda - None
3. Public Comment - None

**B. 10:10 AM DISCUSSION OF 2021 ACTIVITIES**

1. Equipment Maintenance
  - a) Scag Mower and Kubota – *The Scag mower was serviced at the end of last season. The Kubota was hardly used so service not needed.*
  - b) Gas-powered hand trimmer – *Tim will do the usual maintenance.*
2. Equipment Replacement Considerations
  - a) Electric trimmer – *Yes, we will purchase one.*
  - b) Gas-powered hand trimmer – *Yes, we will purchase one.*
  - c) Push gas trimmer(s) – *Tim will check one out with the view to purchase.*
  - d) Push mower(s) – *One new mower will be purchased initially. Tim will cannibalize the remaining two to try to create one other working mower.*
3. Jobs
  - a) Standard mowing, trimming in all cemeteries
  - b) Painting the fence, and replacing some posts
    - i. East Village, Tinkham. Peck – *Posts will be purchased for East Village instead of pressure treated wood. The wires between posts are okay. There are a great many woodchucks to be controlled in the Village cemetery.*
    - ii. Cate: some broken fencing – *due to a fallen tree. Tim and Nick will repair.*
  - c) Erecting fallen stones (if not too large)
    - i. East Village, Cutler, Clark - *In Cutler, the tilting Vincent/McKnight stone toppled when trying to stabilize it. I might cost as much as \$3,000 to right as a crane will be needed. The Sterling stone also fell off and will need a new foundation.*
  - d) Filling woodchuck holes and using smoke bombs
    - i. East Village, Quaker, Tinkham, Cutler – *Elliott smoke bombed at Cutler and within two days, the woodchucks were back. Will try again this year.*
  - e) Using chainsaw on fallen trees, dead trees, and overgrown trees
    - i. Cutler, Cate, East Village, Cutler Farm trail – *There are many downed trees at Clark.*
  - f) Using hand saws, to clear brush/ branches
    - i. East Village, Clark
  - g) Making a burn pile
    - i. Back of Doty – *Brush that needs to be removed from other cemeteries will be brought to Doty or to Vermont Compost. Elliott will ask if the Town would chip the pile instead of having to burn it.*
    - ii. Take brush to Vermont Compost with their permission – *Tim will check.*
  - h) Sexton duties

- i. Full and Cremation Burials – *Lots at Doty have been sold to the Franks, Quigley, and Gardner families. Tim is concerned that there is no proper grid pattern. In future, full burial plots will only be available in front along Dodge Road. The remaining rear plots will be used only for cremation burials due to the ledge problem there.*
  - ii. Corner Markers – *Elliott to purchase. Three lots have been sold without markers.*
- 4. Cemetery Guest Log is still in the works. Nick and Tim plan to start with the smaller cemeteries: Gould, Clark, Wheeler, and Cutler Farm. – *The stones from White cemetery are in the vault at Cutler. Names are illegible.*

#### **C. OTHER BUSINESS**

Determine next meeting day and time – *No meeting needed before end of season. Tim will arrange via email at the end of summer.*

*Emily will photograph the headstones at Gould and Cutler Farm cemeteries and enter them into findagrave.com. Tim will provide the coordinates for both cemeteries.*

**D. ADJOURN** – *The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:15.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Goyette, Clerk