

August, 2014
Springfield, NH Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2014 @ Town Office Building, 4:50 PM

Present: Dale Milne, Charles Moore, Tim Hayes, Trustees; Frank Anderson, Sexton & Leigh Callaway, Selectman

The first order of business was to review and approve the July meeting's minutes.

Next on the agenda was status, especially re: trees, gravestone repairs & a water tank. Frank began by reporting that the crack in the face of the memorial has been fixed and that NE Gravestone Services did a "good job" fixing 12 stones. They supplied "before and after" pictures to us for comparison. Frank also suggested contacting Stone Vault Co, LLC of Newport for future estimates for repairs and cleaning. Frank also told the group that 4 dead trees have been removed, but that there are others, close to stones, that Fox Tree should be called in to repair. Frank reported that the outlying burial grounds, Webster Pass, Messer Hill and Star Lake cemeteries are done, but that Fowler Town still needs cleaning up. He added that Pleasant View's third mowing was completed in the lower section. The upper section needs its third.

Tim has not located a suitable water tank, so Chuck offered to try. The motion to allot \$50 for a new water tank was approved. Tim will make a wooden stand for it, once a tank is purchased. Other equipment that could help Frank would be a leaf blower, for which \$175. was approved. Also in the area of accounting, Leigh reported that no new bills had been received at the time of the meeting, but that NE Gravestone Services' bill should not exceed the \$3,000 for repairs in 2014 approved by the townspeople. Frank added that stone cleaning should be done within 2-3 years, and that we may be able to try power washing. Also, looking to the future, loam is still needed to fill in some holes. The upper section's hole repairs have held up well, according to Frank.

Leigh brought up the new town website in progress, and asked that members think of links and images for the cemetery section to make it attractive and informative.

Dale offered a draft of a site purchasing form. The group approved it for sending to Janet to put on file.

In other business, Frank reminded the group that there are six different maps of the upper section of Pleasant View, which don't all agree. He suggested that the members review the inconsistencies and come up with a reasonably accurate map.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05. The next meeting will be September 9 @ 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Dale T Milne

Tentative Agenda for September 9, 2014 Meeting
5:00 at the Town Office Building

- Approve August, 2014 meeting minutes
- Status of the graveyards/equipment
- Finances: New expenditures and approximate balance remaining for 2014
- New town website: progress so far
- Plan going forward for synchronizing maps
- Other business