

September 9, 2014
Springfield, NH Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes
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September 9, 2014 @ Library in Town Office Building, 5:00 PM

Present: Dale Milne, Charles Moore, Tim Hayes, Trustees & Frank Anderson, Sexton

The first order of business was to review and approve the August meeting minutes.

Next on the agenda was the status of graveyards and equipment. Frank has used his new leaf blower (\$159.). He suggested that we ask Fox Tree to put in an estimate for removing the "big pine" and cedars. Tim will take care of that. The cemeteries are in good shape, mowed and clean, but Fowlertown needs a visit and Pleasant View has developed sinkholes, one of which trapped Frank's truck until the Highway Department was able to pull him out. Tim showed pictures. The backhoe also got stuck. The holes have been filled in, along with some others that opened up because of the heavy rains this summer. The fill that was used in 1993 had stumps and boulders and has washed. Out below the surface. Frank would like to add more hay to the banks and bare spots. Frank also said that he and Rick Corbett will continue to work on the lower cemetery. They anticipate one more mowing this season.

The third item concerned finances, with attention to next year. Frank does not expect to need more new equipment, and expects that the 2015 budget for tree removal will lessen. He quipped that a smaller backhoe or excavator would have come in handy this year. On the topic of grave cleaning and repair, Frank felt that the Highway Department, Rick and he should be able to do some cleaning with a power washer. Chuck has one, which he offered. Frank asked Dale to call "Stone Vault" for quotes on repairs. Frank also expressed interest in bronzing the Civil War statue.

The town website was next on the agenda. Tamara has requested pictures. Dale has sent before and after shots to Leigh, and will get more photos.

The group decided to set aside Sunday, October 19 for reviewing maps and other cemetery records to look for inconsistencies. In answer to Chuck's question of how many are interred there, Frank responded that he doesn't know how many burials are in the upper section, but that, "No one new is going in."

In other business, Tim mentioned that a woman who enjoys cleaning and weeding suggested we start an "Adopt-a-Grave" program.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05. The next meeting will be October 14 @ 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale T. Milne

AGENDA:
October 14, 2014

1. Review and approve September meeting minutes
2. Website progress
3. Condition of graveyards going into winter
4. Estimates of expenses for 2015, with attention to budget requests:
 - a. Stone Vault – quotes for resetting
 - b. Trees/landscaping
 - c. Wages
 - d. Fuel
 - e. Repairs
 - f. Other
5. Establish time for Sunday's work day
6. Other business
- 7.