

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES MEETING

### Thursday, March 17, 2016

In attendance were: Marie Grella, Chair, Cynthia Dokmo, Lisa Eastland, Bruce Berry Cemetery Sexton, Pat Delisle, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marie Grella at 7:35 am

**Citizens' Forum-** There was no citizen comments.

**Minutes of November 15, 2015** – Cynthia makes a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Lisa, all in favor, motion passes.

**Right to Inter:** – Cynthia acknowledges the Right to Inter for Lot #99H.

**Forestview Cemetery:** Nate Jensen has brought some questions and issues that the Cemetery Trustee have to the attention of the Selectman. A vote will be taken by the Selectman once the survey showing the open lots in Meadowview Cemetery is completed. It is implied that a warrant article would need to be put on the ballot. The board of selectman would like a list of open (unowned) lots. Once the Board of selectman received this information they will vote on. Bids for construction will be sent out once the survey is completed. Peter De Bruyn Kops sent in an inquiry asking w the Trustees wouldn't sub-divide and sell off the unusable land. In order for this to happen surveyed, re-designed, appraised and brought before the state (Fish & Game; regarding the Grasshopper Sparrows & DES regarding wetland) for approval. This would also need to be approved by the taxpayers. Doing this would be expensive and there would also be legal fees. Nate will submit talking points to the Board of Selectman. Cynthia will review the Memorandum of Understanding.

Bruce Berry asks that Cynthia look at who would pay the legal fees for this situation if it were to be pursued.

Forestview needs to be mowed. The mowing is done every other year by Recreation and DPW. A bush hog is need to do this and needs to be around the grasshopper sparrow. From May through October this cannot be done in this area. Mike Riccatelli could do this at a cost of \$65.00 per hour. If the total cost will be over \$5,000 this would need to go out to bid. The last time this was done it took one person a full day, this doesn't include the grasshopper sparrow or the playing fields. Marie Grella, Perry Day and Mike Riccatelli will meet and walk Forestview to determine a more solid total price, to mow once during the summer.

**Granite Wall at Town Hall Cemetery:** The wall would need to be disassembled, shored up and leveled before reassembling. This wall marks graves in the crypt below it. A couple of estimates would be needed. Marie will contact Tony Luongo for an estimate. The cost of this may be covered under the Bertha Rogers Trust. There is a deadline to apply for this grant. Nate will research it. Cynthia made a motion to apply for this grant, seconded by Lisa all in favor. Motion passes.

**Update on cemetery maintenance:** Chestnut Hill and Cricket Corner Cemeteries fence painting is needed.

Meadowview Cemetery: there were some limbs down this spring. Winter wreaths will be removed from the gates. The wreaths will stay on the graves until the flags can be placed. The main gate will be open on April 1, 2016.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2016. Lisa makes a motion to adjourn at 8:50 seconded by Marie, all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Delisle