

CEMETERY TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday January 18, 2017

In attendance were: Marie Grella, Chairperson, Cynthia Dokmo, Lisa Eastland (arriving at approx. 8:30am), Bruce Berry, Cemetery Sexton; Pat Delisle, Executive Assistant,

The meeting was called to order by Marie Grella at 7:45 am

Citizens' Forum- There was no citizen comments.

Minutes of December 16, 2016 – Cynthia makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Marie, all in favor, motion passes.

The Deliberative session will be on February 8, 2017.

Cynthia makes a motion to clarify that "Forestview" shall be one word, seconded by Marie, all in favor motion passes. There has been some confusion as to if it is one or two words

The trustees review the Cy-Pres petition.

Marie has contacted Anthony Luongo regarding the granite wall at the cemetery at Town Hall. He does not need any payment until the wall has been completely reconstructed. Mr. Luongo estimates a start date will be in March as it is weather permitting an exact date cannot be given.

Cynthia attended the Trustees of the Trust Fund meeting on Tuesday January 17th. They would like to see the Cemetery Trustees use the Unrestricted Fund for Forestview Cemetery as the Wilkins and Putnam Funds are solely for Meadowview Cemetery. Cynthia makes a motion to authorize Atty. Drescher to file the Cy-Pres petition on behalf of the Cemetery Trustees, seconded by Marie, all in favor motion passes.

As Forestview Cemetery was purchased with Cemetery Trust Fund money there is discussion regarding the Memorandum of Understanding. In the Memorandum of Understanding all income from the "Right to Inter" is placed in the general fund. For Forestview Cynthia feels that it should go into a trust. This will be discussed at a later date.

Cost Comparison: The costs established for the cemeteries in Amherst were compared to other NH towns.

Lisa makes a motion to raise the tomb fee to: \$100.00 per season with an additional \$25.00 per month for remains stored in the tomb that will not be buried within the Town of Amherst, effective July 1, 2017.

Cynthia seconds the motion, all in favor, motion passes.

Cynthia makes a motion to increase the burial fees \$100.00, Lisa seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

This would change the burial rates as follows:

Full Burial: Weekdays: \$600.00 before 1pm After 1pm \$750.00

No burials after 4pm

Saturday Morning - \$850.00 until 1 pm

Cremations: Weekdays: \$300.00 before 1pm After 1pm \$375.00

No burials after 4pm

Saturday Morning - \$425.00 until 1pm

The Cemetery Trustees will be planning a Town Information meeting at the Town Hall Barbara Landry Meeting room.

Marie continues this meeting until January 19th