

Cemetery Trustees Meeting
22 Dodge Rd
May 8, 2020
1:00 pm ZOOM

In attendance: Marie Grella, Cynthia Dokmo, Lisa Eastland, Eric Hahn, Perry Day, Sexton and Pat Delisle

Meeting called to order at 1:00

Citizen Forum: No citizens present

Minutes: February minutes should be changed to reflect change on line 53 and 54 to read “It may be beneficial for Marie to meet with Bill Dreysher to get some answers.” and on line 17 changing “area” to “tall”. Cynthia makes a motion to approve the minutes from February 20, 2020 as amended, seconded by Lisa, motion passes.

Perry requested that Meridian Land Surveying put a pin at the end of each row, totaling 96 pin. Perry will use them as reference point to mark out the graves.

Lisa makes a motion to hire Meridian Land Services to mark out the rows by putting a pin at the end of each designated row at a cost of \$2,870.00, seconded by Cynthia, all in favor, motion passes.

Marie has received a letter from Robert Clemens, ACC. This letter requests that the ACC be permitted to implement a program to make the highly invasive species Black Swallow wort inactive. This is present in the grasslands at Forestview Cemetery. This will be done to protect the grassland habitat of the nest birds at a cost paid by the ACC. They are requesting permission from the Cemetery Trustees and obtain their approval. Marie is not in favor of this, as Mr. Merrell wishes were that he did not want anything to do with the conservation committee on that property. Cynthia knows that the Merrells’ felt that way however there is nothing in the deed stating this and as Trustees they have a responsibility to do what is best for that property under their care. Lisa spoke with Rob, the ACC documented all of the invasive species on their property and all over Amherst. They are trying to implement an eradication program for the betterment of Amherst. They would take black plastic and put it over the plant and keep it there, and that will kill it. She didn’t inquiry as to the time this plastic was needed. Cynthia would like to meet with the ACC out at Forestview Cemetery and receive more details about the process. Lisa will set up a time to meet and let everyone know.

Naming of the 4 parcels at Forestview Cemetery: Cynthia suggests Betty Arnold, Red Crocker, Bob and Alice Crouter and Bob and Pixie Loud. Lisa suggests Jean Crocker, Betty Arnold, Barbara Landry and Mel Holmes. Marie suggests the parcels be names Oliver Merrell, Geneva Merrell, Richard Merrell and Linda Merrell. Discussion follows. Cynthia makes a motion to name the 4 parcels(quadrants): Duvall, Crocker, Arnold and Crouter, the main entrance will be named Merrell Way, seconded by Lisa all in favor, motion passes.

There is no update for the flagpole or its installation is on hold due to the Corona virus.

47 **New hire:** The Board of Selectman has put a hold on the any new hires. Options are discussed.
48 Cynthia makes a motion to recommend to the board of selectman to hire the seasonal employee,
49 40 hour a week employee to maintain the cemeteries from now to October 15, 2020. Lisa
50 seconds this motion, all in favor this motion passes.

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52 **Rights to Inter at Forestview Cemetery:** We will be keeping a list of residents that would like
53 to obtain a Right to Inter for Forestview Cemetery effective September 1, with the possibility of
54 purchasing a right to inter in the spring of 202. Lisa makes a motion of opening the waiting list
55 for Forestview Cemetery on September 1, 2020 with anticipated opening for full burials in May
56 of 2021. Cynthia seconds the motion, all in favor motion passes. This will be looked at in August
57 of 2020. The current Rules and regulations will be reevaluated.

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59 Motion is made at adjourn the meeting by Cynthia, seconded by Lisa. Meeting adjourned at 2:05.

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61 Respectfully submitted,
62 Pat Delisle