

CEMETERY TRUSTEES MEETING

May 7, 2014

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Bergin at 7:35 am. In attendance: Chairman Peter Bergin, Bill Belvin and Marie Grella, Pat Delisle Administrative Assistant, residents Karen Blood and Katie Buttons.

Minutes of April 7, 2014: Peter Bergin made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Bill Belvin, motion passed.

Review of the revised “Rules and Regulations: The Cemetery Trustees deferred this to the next meeting so that they have an opportunity to review more thoroughly.

Flags: these will be placed on Tuesday May 13, 2014.

Cemetery Maintenance Finance Advisory Committee: The Wilkins and Putnam trust funds were reviewed. They are seeking Attorney Drescher guidance to determine if these can be used for the purchase of grave inventory software. The trust fund labeled “other” has been determined to be unrestricted. The “Maintenance Fund” (established in 1987) was set up for the maintenance, general care of the cemetery 50% of the money from the sale of lots is deposited into this fund. Peter reviews the current allocation of the funds when a lot is purchased and how the funds can be used. Brad Galinson gives a summary of his meeting with Attorney Drescher. The trust funds are there to be spent. Cy-Pres is hard to get through if someone gets in the way of its process. RSA’s are conflicting Warrant Articles from 1967 and 1977 explain the split of the cost of lots. Bill Belvin adds that the Attorney General has charge over the Charitable Trust. Only if there isn’t any Charitable Fund money involved the body of the Sovereign Town owns the cemetery. Commonality needs to be found between the Sovereign body, the Board of Selectman and the Cemetery Trustees.

Citizen Forum: discussion regarding the maintenance of stone, annual software charges and the grave for Lemard Jewett in the Old Cemetery.

The next cemetery Trustee meeting will be June 19th, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Delisle
Executive Assistant