

Meeting Minutes
Cemetery Commission
February 16, 2012

Present: Betsy Wiederhold, Bob Abbott and Ethel MacStubbs

Minutes of 1-25-12 meeting read. The paragraph regarding the Miss Evelyn Vadney Trust Fund is to be amended to read \$456.99 spent, with \$8.01 remaining.

Discussion of the need for new cemetery land; from all #3 maps Betsy has calculated the approximate number of 458 available burial spaces. The number has no way of reflecting multiple cremation burials to one lot, and the additional spaces gleaned from combining all the records discovering unclaimed lots.

The question was raised as to who initiates the purchase of additional cemetery space, the Selectmen or the Trustees?

Continuing into the issue of the General Cemetery Maintenance Trust and how it will be managed; for now, two trustees feel this fund should remain in the form it is presently written. Two in favor, one opposed.

RSA 289:5 reads the cemetery trustees are required to keep a record of all private burial lands. Our present file is incomplete. Betsy spoke with Elaine McClary, Town Clerk, and she is looking into any records they may have.

Dr Wiederhold, Steve Griffin and Michael Jones have been working on our computer. We will have Windows 98, Excel and Word. Dr Wiederhold is contributing Quicken and it looks like there is a donation of a printer. We will be managing our bookkeeping and new record keeping through this system.

The article for the Town Warrant is written with the sum of \$2600. to be withdrawn from the Undesignated Fund Surplus to be deposited in the G.C.M.T.

This amount represents four lots sold; two full lots for 800., one cremation lot for 600. and another cremation lot for 400. agreed upon and deeded before the price change.

Ethel will summarize the summer activities, given there were no meetings but responsibilities were fulfilled that need to be recorded in a form to be filed.

Bob has offered to participate in the TJ Jarest meeting to clarify expectations even though that meeting will happen after Town Meeting when he has stepped down.

Reflecting on his time as Trustee, Bob made some valuable suggestions:

- a) Two trustees are needed to ~~lay out a lot.~~ ^{clear a spot} lay out & define a lot.
- b) A trustee should be present at every burial to oversee and obtain the paperwork.
- c) Know the crew involved in a burial and what they expect of you; sexton, monument company, and excavator. These relationships are important.

Bob's time, effort and spirit will be greatly missed. We are grateful for his four plus years of service as Trustee.

Respectfully submitted,
E.B. MacStubbs