

Morristown Cemetery Association
Fall Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Lamoille Home Health Conference Room... 5:30 pm

Present: Dennis Smith & Lorinda Smith, Jane Paine, Annette Smith, Anne Shackett, Dave Sanborn, Cherie Lefevre, Irene Wilkins, Brian Kellogg, Irene & Francis Huard

Absent: Sondra Sanborn

I Call to Order at 5:25 pm by Dennis Smith

II Public Concerns - None

III **Minutes of Summer Meeting** – correction made to indicate Irene Wilkins was absent and that it should have been Irene Huard that “seconded” the approval of financial report. Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve as corrected. Seconded by Irene Wilkins. Passed.

IV. **Treasurer’s Report** – Financials statement through October 31, 2015 presented by Jane. All approved transfers to open Vanguard Portfolio have been completed. Four more burial fees due since Summer update. Please see attached reports for details. Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept report as presented. Seconded by Anne Shackett. Passed.

Discussion of potential By-Law change needed concerning town auditors – because there are no “volunteer” town auditors, it may be impossible to satisfy this statute as written – please see attached recommended wording change. Jane will review with Patrick Healy, VCA President and Mary Ann Wilson to determine best option in the absence of volunteer auditors. – By-law made need to be amended at the Annual Meeting.

IV **Endowment Secretary’s Report**
- Three more lots have been sold since the Summer Meeting (two at Lakeview, one at Wheeler) Although we have not yet received the proceeds from Mark Faith yet. – The endowment funds due to the savings account have been transferred. Motion made by Francis Huard to accept as presented. Seconded by David Sanborn. Passed.

V **Ground Directors’ Report**
David reported that he needs to know how to better communicate with Robert & Sons. Riverside was not cleaned up at the end of the fall season (tall grass & lots of leaves)

Robert & Sons quoted \$900 to fix road at Mountain View. Seemed a little too high. Brian would check with Dan L. to see if town guys had time to help us.

VI **Trustee Reports**
Plains – Perfect ☺

Riverside – There is a stone broken in two that will most likely need to be put into a “form” in order to put upright and back into a base. Anne S. would check to see if Brian Shackett has time to fix it (as he did the one at Laporte)

Laporte – Looked good all summer ☺

Lakeview – not mowed as often as needed – three stones have been knocked off their bases (not sure if it was the result of being bumped by the mowers)

Mountain View – All trash barrels have been removed by an unknown source. There has been lots of traffic (anniversaries) at the cemetery. There are still couple of “dips” in the road that need to be fixed so cars do not bottom out as they drive through.

Wheeler – mowing was not done as often as needed (every other week at best, with only once in September). Discuss with Robert & Sons that the new section should be mowed weekly, but the older section where grass does not grow well, can wait longer. Irene expressed concern that the new section has a lot of plants that are overgrown and not being tended and cleaned up. Maybe send letters to site owners with reminders that “perpetual care” does not cover plants and memorial items left behind. Front fence will also need to be sanded again (possibly next summer) and stained as the other three sides. The front was the original trial of primer, then paint; which is not sticking, again.

Randolph – Looked good all summer ☺

VII Unfinished business – none

VII New Business

Discussion of mowing contract – agreed by all that Robert & Sons does a good job when mowed, just issue of mowing more consistently at a couple of sites. Dennis to setup a meeting to discuss issues with them and offer to renew for another year.

Discussion of 1 full / 1 cremated per lot – possible change to R&R to allow a cremation to be buried on top of a casket burial – voting to occur at Annual meeting. – see attached proposed wording change

Randolph – cremation area. new row. “parking” area -

~ Dennis went to Select Board to present the possibility of a parking lot at Randolph where row of trees were removed. Select Board wants something more concrete, in writing, between Association and property owner (license of use) Dan L. is checking with Sargent’s Law Office. – If agreed by both parties, the Town would take care of the stumps, leveling and grass seed so the parking lot would not cost the Association anything. – see attached copy of map & design

~ Dennis is investigating and attempting to design two rows of 20 lots for cremations only. These lots would have markers set by the Association. Lot owners would not be required to purchase corner markers. The current row is 37’ – 12’ is needed for the lots, leaving 25’ for the road. Robert & Sons quoted \$300 to level and seed, if Town supplies the topsoil. – see attached proposed addition to the R&R

~ The question remains “what will we charge for a 4x4 cremation only lot?”

Liming project at all sites – Robert & Sons told Dennis that lime was applied to all cemeteries at no cost to the Association because they used leftover lime from another job.

VIII. Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Cherie Lefevre. Passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jane Paine