

Morristown Cemetery Association

FALL Meeting

October 15, 2019

Tegu Building Conference Room

AGENDA

- I. Call to order at 4:33pm by Dennis Smith
- II. Introductions – not necessary
 - a. Attendees – Dennis & Lorinda Smith, Cherie Lefevre, Jane Paine
 - b. Absent – Irene Wilkins, Anne Shackett and Brian Kellogg
- III. Public Concerns - none
- IV. Minutes of April 2019 Annual meeting & October 2018 Fall Meeting
 - Motion to accept April 2019 Minutes by Lorinda Smith. Seconded by Cherie Lefevre. Passed.**
 - Motion to accept October 2018 Minutes by Cherie Lefevre. Seconded by Lorinda Smith. Passed.**
- V. President's Report
 - a. Sulham Lot – see attached summary
 - b. Pleasant View Cemetery Association annual meeting – Dennis attended to see if we were having similar issues, but found that their meeting was more about financial review due to employee costs and cash flow issues.
 - c. Select Board Meeting – Dennis has asked to be on the agenda for the 10/21/19 meeting to give further updates on our progress of projects.
- VI. Treasurer's Report

Jane presented the financials for the 10 months ending 10/31/19. (see attached copy)
Mark Faith did not supply a YTD report as was requested several weeks ago.
Investment performance – doing very well YTD.
Motion to Accept by Cherie Lefevre. Seconded by Lorinda Smith. Passed.
- VII. Endowment Secretary's Report – No report as data could not be ascertained from Mark Faith.
- VIII. Grounds Reports
 - a. Mowing Discussion – membership pleased with the contract with Apex Mowing (every other week). Lakeview and Wheeler do have areas that could use weekly trimming, but overall, we were satisfied with appearance of cemeteries. We will encourage the Town to contract with them again.
 - b. Workday at Lake View – Lorinda and Cherie cleaned the fence. Dennis cleaned up brush and fallen limbs. Cherie had spent 3 hrs in the spring cleaning up limbs.
 - c. Randolph Cremation area – hostas were planted between each section of new fence and on the ends. There are a few cornerstones in and ready for cremation lot sales.
 - d. Tree Cutting – work completed by Barrett's Tree Service cutting the large pines and cleanup of minor other trees at Wheeler, Laporte, MountainView, Plains and Riverside. We realize this will be an on-going project, but the priority trees were removed.
 - e. Stone Repair – Vermont Monuments repaired & straightened stones at Mountain View, Randolph, Laporte, Lakeview and Riverside.
 - f. Wheeler Stone Straightening – Brent Paine volunteered his time to straighten the many leaning old monuments.
 - g. Sonar – Vermont Underground Locators was hired to scan Wheeler, Laporte, Randolph and Plains for potential areas that lots could be sold. It wasn't quite as effective as we had hoped. – see attached maps for areas in 3 of the cemeteries that may be viable lots. It was confirmed that there are unmarked graves in the back of Laporte and that area cannot be used.

IX. Old Business

- a. Change of Date for Annual Meeting – need to warn the Annual Meeting for a change in by-laws to read “the Annual Meeting will be held during the first two weeks of May”... giving the snow more time to melt so membership can assess potential damage to the cemeteries over the winter.
- b. One way signage at Mountain View – no update – wait to talk to Brian Kellogg
- c. Budget for next fiscal year – purchase of cornerstones for cremation lots at Mountain View, Randolph and Wheeler

X. New Business

- a. Discussion of decorations, mementos, etc. – Regulations state that items left behind may be picked up by members of the association (especially plastic flowers that are old, damaged and unsightly. The Town has put a notice in FPF and the paper for Pleasant View... we will try to have our cemeteries added in the future

XI. Adjourn – motion made to adjourn at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Approved