

WARNING
Morristown Cemetery Association
Fall MEETING

Tuesday, October 11th, 2016
Lamoille Home Health Conference Room

AGENDA

- I. Call to order at 7:10pm by Dennis Smith
- II. Introductions – not necessary
 - a. Attendees – Dennis Smith & Lorinda Smith, Annette Smith, David Sanborn, Irene Wilkins, Cherie Lefevre, & Jane Paine
 - b. Absent – Sondra Sanborn, Anne Shackett, Brian Kellogg, Irene & Francis Huard
 - c. Dennis made an announcement that the Huards are resigning from the Board. The Board was sad to hear this news as the Huards' experience and expertise in cemetery maintenance is invaluable to the Association.
 - i. **Motion made by David Sanborn to accept the resignation. Seconded by Cherie Lefevre. Passed**
 - ii. Dennis offered to be the Trustee of Plains Cemetery until replacements are found or volunteer.
- III. Public Concerns - none
- IV. Minutes of April 2016 meeting

Motion to accept by Irene Wilkins. Seconded by Cherie Lefevre. Passed.
- V. Treasurer's Report

Jane presented the 2016 YTD financials for the nine months ending 9/30/16. (see attached)
Performance of the recently established Vanguard account was reviewed (see attached)
Motion to Accept by David Sanborn. Seconded by Irene Wilkins. Passed.
- VI. Endowment Secretary's Report

One lot sale at Mountain View – Michael Labranche. One lot sale at Lakeview – Gerald & Arlene Sutton.
Annette Smith to have Jane review her record books as balances do not match.
Motion to Accept by Cherie Lefevre. Seconded by Irene Wilkins. Passed.
- VII. Cemetery Reports by Trustees – Ground Director

Riverside – report by David Sanborn – 4 new lots have been created where the tool shed previously stood (after moving lilac bush and sign. Although topsoil was spread and lots seeded, more work is still needed. May have a buyer if the location meets their approval. Dave drew at map (attached) of location of three stones that need to be professionally repaired. Will put on "to do list" for the spring.
Discussion around repair of the old section of fencing and gate needed by the VFW. Do we want to approach the town to buy more fencing? Can we ask Dan Linley to include as a separate line item in the town budget? Dennis will check with Dan to see if we/he can get a quote from previous fencing vendor to determine cost... maybe the Association can offer to pay a % of the cost?
Mountain View – Francis and David had met with Roland Boivin to review the road repair issue. The town did scrape off the center of the road in attempt to level so cars would not drag. It was determined that the only true fix would be to put down staymat. The town is not agreeable to doing this currently. Francis and David also probed the area where junk was previously discarded along the right side of the cemetery. It was determined that there were not viable areas for more lots... not even enough topsoil for cremation lots.
Lakeview – Cherie Lefevre reported she was very happy with the maintenance over the summer.
Laporte – no issues to report from Lorinda Smith.
Plains – no report given
Randolph – a lot of work has been done but Dennis is not quite satisfied yet. Robert & Sons leveled the new cremation area, put down topsoil and seeded, but it still needs to be blended for a better appearance. Seven cornerstones have been set for 4 x 4 lots.

Randolph (continued) - The back side of the wooded area looks terrible; lots of brush. Dennis would like to get prices on about 80' of short picket fence to hide this wooded area. Along the new parking area, the town cleared and seeded too much so folks drive into the cemetery from this side rather than using the gate (as they should). Dennis would like to turn the fence perpendicular to the 20' parking area and put up a sign that says "go through the gate".

Wheeler - Irene concerned about the limbs on the tree in the front left corner; lots of dead limbs that have been falling, but does not want the tree cut down. Can the Water & Light Department trim the dead limbs? Jane reported that she and husband, Brent, sanded and re-stained the whole front of the fence so whole project is complete. Going forward she will just touch up areas around the fence as wood pecks through again. There isn't any product that will "stick" to this pressure treated wood for any extended period of time. Jane read a proposed letter to be sent to one plot owner about getting their memorial garden back within the boundaries of their lot as stated in the rules & regulations. The letter met the approval of the members. Jane will ask town clerk for current address for lot owner and mail in early spring. Letter may be needed for other lot owners.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- a. Evaluation of Mowing Contract - agreed that everyone seemed happier this year with the performance.
- b. Earlier discussion around signs for the cemeteries related to what can or cannot be planted on lots - Dennis had a couple of examples from other cemeteries. No decision was made at this time.

IX. New Business

- a. Discussion of Record Keeping - Jane reported that while she was at the Town Clerk's office attempting to update some of the Wheeler lot records, she became aware that her son's burial five years ago was never reported to the Town by Mark Faith. Further investigation found that none of the burials from that time period are recorded because the limited documentation that he provides show cemetery, but not specific lot. This could be huge problem when more than one burial is allowed on one lot - how do we know who is there already? Dennis and Jane met with Mark to try to come up with a solution, even offering to help. But Mark was not receptive as all the knowledge is in his head, not on paper. This will be a real problem should something happen to him. Very upsetting to find this and not sure what the resolution is. Town Clerk does not seem to have any answers either. Wanted to make the membership aware of this discovery.

X. Adjourn at 8:37 pm

- a. **Motion made by Irene Wilkins. Seconded by Lorinda Smith. Passed.**

Next meeting to be held in April 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Paine