

Morristown Cemetery Association

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020
Tegu Building Upstairs Meeting Room

- I. Call to order at 4:33pm by Dennis Smith
- II. Introductions – not necessary
 - a. Attendees – Dennis & Lorinda Smith, Cherie Lefevre, Jane Paine, Sara Haskins
 - b. Absent – Irene Wilkins, Anne Shackett and Brian Kellogg
- III. Public Concerns - none
- IV. Reading of the By-Laws waived.
 - a. Article V. Shall be amended to read – “The Annual Meeting shall be held in the spring after the snow has melted and access to the cemeteries is possible at such public place at such hour as the Executive Board may appoint.”
 - i. **Motion by Cherie Lefevre to accept proposed changes. Seconded by Lorinda Smith. Passed.**
- V. Minutes of October 2019 Fall meeting
 - i. **Motion to accept as presented by Lorinda Smith. Seconded by Cherie Lefevre. Passed..**
- VI. Treasurer's Report

It is Jane's intention, with the backing of the Association, to turn the financial records over to the Town Administrator's office. We are not receiving money due to the Association (from the Sexton, Mark Faith) nor burial information needed for proper, timely record keeping. The frustration level has reached a point that is not worth the energy it takes to deal with the Sexton. Sara was able to answer some questions around the process or lack thereof. Many questions still unanswered. The next step will be to go to a Select Board meeting. Goal is to turn records over at July 1st for the next Town fiscal year.

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. Lakeview – need to address the removal of the apple tree to preserve the stones underneath. Cherie will talk to the Hicks family that planted the tree.
 - b. Laporte – there are 3 lengths of fence broken. Dennis will go to Home Depot to see if support rails and caps are available, spending \$300-\$400.
 - c. Riverside – lots need to be mapped where the shed was
 - d. Randolph – a potential buyer wanted a lot in the unmapped section. Dennis denied this request.
 - e. Mountain View – In response to the attached email to membership, 3 test holes were dug in area thought not to be viable for lots. Results showed differently and are now available for sale.
 - f. Mowing – has been intermittent and not consistent. We should keep watch for stones that are being bumped by the mowers. Will address with Dan Linley at a later date.
- IX. Election of Officers
 - a. Slate of officers will remain the same as there are no new members or interested parties.
 - i. Dennis Smith, President
 - ii. Anne Shackett, Vice President
 - iii. Jane Paine, Sec/Treasurer – Discussion of “Sec/Treasurer” or just “Secretary” title will be had at a later date.
 - iv. Lorinda Smith, Trustee to the Board

X. Unfinished Business

a. Proposed changes to the Rules & Regulations:

- i. Section IX, #2 shall be amended to read: Only one central above ground monument is permitted on any lot; except on any lot in an area designated for "cremation only" where all markers shall be ground level.
- ii. Section V, #4 – Second sentence shall be amended to read "Any allowed plantings or decorations shall be planted or placed within one foot of the monument or marker so as not to interfere with the normal maintenance of the lawn."

1. **Motion by Lorinda Smith to accept proposed changes. Seconded by Cherie Lefevre. Passed.**

- b. 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,

Jane Paine

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Approved