

Minutes of Annual Meeting
Morristown Cemetery Association
Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 4:00 pm
Tegu Building Conference Room

Members present: Dennis Smith, Lorinda Smith, Cherie Lefevre, Anne Shackett, Jane Paine, Brian Kellogg.

Meeting called to order at 4:10 pm by President Dennis Smith.

Agenda additions: New Business, correcting cemetery errors and new charges for corner stones.

Motion to waive the reading of the By-Laws passed.

Minutes of the Fall, 2021 meeting were unavailable and not read.'

Treasurer's Report: Jane had not received April financial report as yet so spoke on March numbers. We can tell we have money but need better breakdown to give clearer picture, Dennis asked Jane if they could meet at some point so he could learn to read the figures. Jane reported \$475 was received in donations to beautification at Randolph Cemetery in memory of former member Annette Smith who passed recently. Report accepted.

Endowment Secretary Lorinda reported four lots had been sold since our last meeting, 3 at Lakeview and one at Mountain View with a sale pending at Randolph. Report accepted.

Trustees' reports of individual cemeteries. It has not been officially been announced that Spaulding Property Management will be mowing. We were very satisfied with the job they did last year and hope they will be back. Apparently questions remain on length of contract and if it can be renegotiated.

Cherie report that Lakeview is a mess due to line work being done by the power company. It is hoped that will be finished and cleaned up soon. There are two stones down in the cemetery.

Lorinda reported Laporte still has some broken fence, hopefully can now finds replacement material.

Anne reported Mountain View has 2 stones down and needs to have fence job finished, east side repaired, south side replaced with cable.

Plains will have space available if asked, will not advertise.

Randolph needs fence work finished and has ongoing brush cutting in process. Dennis will get an estimate to improve driveway from gate to back of cemetery. More picket fence is needed to complete that job.

Riverside has one stone down. Boundary pin has been located on west side in the old, decayed tree stump.

Jane reported Wheeler needs some work on the fence. We need to spend some time locating available graves.

Unfinished Business: Proposed changes to Rules and Regulations had been sent for members to consider. All were considered and an amendment to new Section II, Art. 3 removing, "No motorcycles are permitted in the cemetery.", was remove by voice vote. All others passed as proposed and will be incorporated into the Rules and Regulations. Changes as accepted:

Section II General Rules and Regulations

Article 2 Vehicles in Association cemeteries

Change to: Vehicles **and Animals** in Association cemeteries

Section XI, Misc., Article 1 now reads:

(No motorcycles shall be permitted in the cemetery)(remove). Adults and children on bicycles accompanied by an adult are permitted on the roads in the cemeteries.

Since it pertains to vehicles, **move to Sec II, Art 2, para E**

Section II, Article 4 now reads:

Dates, Hours, and Fees. In general, the cemetery grounds shall be open from 7 A.M. to sunset. Dates and hours that the Association cemeteries are open to Cemetery funerals, visitors, and/or monument work shall be set by the Association. The Association shall set all fees. Such dates, hours and fees, etc. shall be listed in the Morristown Town Clerk's Office **and on the Association page on the Town of Morristown website** and shall be available to all interested parties. The President and Sexton will have the final authority in deciding the opening and closing of the cemetery for burials.

(Add the words in red)

Section III, Article 4 now reads:

The Association reserves the right to make an interment of any member of the immediate family of any one of the several plot owners.

Change to read:

The Association reserves the right to make an interment of any member of the immediate family of **the lot owner(s)**.

Section III, Article 8 now reads:

No interment of any body, or the cremated remains of any body other than that of a human being, shall be permitted in the cemetery.

Add:

Cremated remains of small pets in proper containers may be interred within a casket or co-mingled in a human urn. No other pet remains may be interred without permission of the Association.

Section IV, Article 5 now reads:

Burial Transit Permits will be used as required by law. Cremation Certificates must be presented with cremated remains. The Burial Transit Permit or Cremation Certificate along with Interment Order and appropriate fees will be taken to the Town Clerk.

Change to read:

Burial Transit Permits will be used as required by law. Cremation Certificates must be presented with cremated remains. The Burial Transit Permit or Cremation Certificate along with Interment Order and appropriate fees will be **filed with** the Town Clerk.

Section VI, Article 3 now reads:

Full payment of vault fees is required at the time the body or remains are placed in the receiving vault. **Funeral directors of approved credit rating may guarantee such charges, in which case the funeral director shall be responsible for the payment of such charges upon receipt of the statement for same.**

All in red print to be deleted.

Section VI, Article 4 now reads:

In the event of failure to make suitable arrangements for the final disposition of the remains within a reasonable time, the Association may, at its sole discretion, remove the body and bury it in a single grave.

Omit entirely, duplicated in Sec VI, Art 5.

Section VII

Move Article 4 to Article 1, renumber Articles 2, 3, 4.

Section VIII Foundations, Article 2 now reads:

The Association reserves the right to excavate for and build all foundations, set all markers and posts, and to regulate all works done in the Association's cemeteries. All foundations must have approved permit forms for foundations prior to the beginning of the work.

Change to read:

All foundations must have approved permit forms for foundations prior to the beginning of the work. All locations of foundations shall be approved and marked by the Association.

Section IX, Monuments and Markers (Will need to be renumbered)

Add new Article 1

Acceptable materials for monuments and markers shall include granite, marble and rock (field stone). Decomposable or fragile materials including, but not limited to, wood and plastic are not acceptable.

Add new Article 2

Size limitations shall apply to monuments placed in Association cemeteries.

(Example: Used by Stowe Cemetery Assoc.)

	Max Width 60 % of Lot	Max Face 20 % of Lot Including Base	Max Height Including Base
1 Lot	2.4 ft.	9.6 sq. ft	4 ft.
2 Lots	4.8 ft.	19.2 sq. ft	4 ft.
3 Lots	7.2 ft.	28.8 sq. ft.	4 ft.
4 Lots	9.6 ft.	38.4 sq. ft.	4 ft.

Section IX, Article 5 now reads:

No monument shall be set on any lot for which there has not been issued a deed, cornerstones have not been installed or any lot for which the burial rights have not been paid in full.

Add words in red.

Section 10, Article 3, Para B

Correct "personal" to "personnel".

Update on hiring Sexton: Person being interviewed does not seem to fit our requirements. Dennis will serve as Sexton for MCA cemeteries this year and will be compensated by the Town.

New Business: It has been recommended that we revise our By-laws to add investing information and a couple other changes. These will be brought to the Fall meeting for consideration.

Dennis proposed new wording for the signs near the gates, estimated cost \$100 per sign, approximately 7 signs. Discussion of relocating signs at some cemeteries. Motion to approve money and changes passed.

Dennis reported that due to shortage of material some corner stones did not get set last year. This year the rate has gone from \$130 for a set of 4 installed to \$190. Cleggs will give a discount on the orders from last year and Dennis will charge a little less to install them but the Association may have to pay a little so customers won't have to be asked to pay more. MCA may have to pick up approximately \$40 per set for 4 or 5 sets. Motion to accept passed.

Dennis reported he is finding many errors in the cemeteries and in the records at the Town Clerk's office. He is working with the office staff to get these corrected.

Election of Officers:

President: Dennis Smith

Vice President: Anne Shackett

Treasurer: Jane Pane

Secretary: open

Endowment Secretary: Lorinda Smith

Trustee to Executive Board: Cherie Lefevre

Grounds Director: open

Motion to Adjourn at 5:25, passed.

Minutes submitted by Jane and Dennis

Transcribed by Dennis