

Minutes of the Cemetery Committee
Thursday, August 17 2012

Present: Bonnie Nugent, Stefan Kostka, Camille White, and Win Healy

Meeting called to order a 1:20 PM.

1. Secretary apologizes for failure to bring minutes for signature. Next time.
2. Discussion of the condition of each cemetery in town, with comments from each member recorded on the database by the Chair.
3. Motion to ask Selectboard to help us “persuade” Power Company to create gates or barriers in order to prevent river users from cutting through the Nelson Cemetery, which is on Power Company property. Passes unanimously. Win to raise with Selectboard and report back.
4. Motion to ask Selectboard to politely request that Village Cemetery CDs be gathered from Norma Coli and turned over to treasurer. Further request that CDs be converted to cash when mature and that cash be placed in Special Revenue Account entitled “Cemetery Restoration” for future expenditures at discretion of Selectboard. Passes unanimously. Win and Camille to coordinate.
5. Discussion of difference between “Cemetery Restoration” Special Revenue account, which is ongoing, and the “Cemetery Care” account voted by the town in each yearly budget. Funds in the latter account, if any, revert to the General Fund on July 1 of each year. Both funds are expended at the discretion only of the Selectboard.
6. Win Healy reported that he intends to sign up for a Cemetery Restoration Workshop at GCC.
7. Agreed that Win Healy will draft a format for a database that will be kept on each cemetery in town. Bonnie volunteered to collect information from all of us and fill in and maintain this database in a book, which could then be shown to Selectboard and other interested parties. We may also make this database available to the public on the town website.
8. Camille explained and submitted to all an excellent summary of the financials associated with cemeteries in town. The Chair will keep this report for the Committee.
9. Next meeting to be proposed by Bonnie Nugent via email. Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Winston Healy, Secretary

Bonnie Nugent, Chair

Camille White

Stefan Kostka