

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 12, 2010



Members Present: Jeannie Grant, Kelly Mayo, Chris Gionest, Donna Mayo, Pete Jordan, Dot and Don Drew and Jim Carll. Two new members to be: Justin Morrill and Shonda McLaughlin. Russ Jensen was invited to sit in on the meeting as he mows the cemeteries and has information to input to the committee.

1. Meeting began at 7:00 pm. And was held in the old town hall. Elections were held and Jeannie Grant was unanimously re-elected chair. Donna Mayo was re-elected as secretary. Jeannie informed the committee that this would be her last year as chair. (So begin thinking ahead everyone!!)
2. A reminder was given that committee forms are due by the end of June for the upcoming year.
3. Budget- A request for \$2500 was submitted by Jeannie for the upcoming year. As of the meeting, there was a 2009 balance of \$1351.97. This balance needs to be used before the end of the fiscal year. Russ said that any work done for Parks and Rec is billed to Parks and Rec and does not come out of the Cemetery Committee budget.
4. Russ will continue to mow certain cemeteries again this year. Thanks Russ! A list of cemeteries that he mows is enclosed with these minutes.
5. 2009 Inventory – A list of Cemetery Equipment is also enclosed.
6. Liability Issue – An issue of liability was brought up and discussed by Pete. SAD 57 has informed him that he can no longer transport ROTC Cadets in his personal vehicle to do cemetery cleanups or other things during the school year. The district does not carry insurance for this. The same issue was brought up for the transportation of Cadets during the summer. Does the town carry insurance for this? Maybe permission slips releasing Pete from any liability? Jim will speak to Nancy about liability issue.
7. Signs – There are 3 signs that need to be put up. These are for the Town House Cemetery, Knights Cemetery and the Gardner Cemetery. Jeannie will do the Town House, Dot and Don will do the Knights and Kelly and Chris will do the Gardner Cemetery.
8. Year End Report – The 2009 yearend report was submitted to the town. A copy is enclosed.
9. Cemetery Committee Website – Kelly has made great progress on getting the committee website up and going. It was decided that pictures of cemetery stones would be added to the website and that Kelly would be the main contact for any

e-mail questions, suggestions or other issues. She will then forward these to the appropriate person.

10. Donna and Kelly reported on the progress made in photographing and documenting all cemeteries in the Waterboro area. These books will be brought in to the next meeting for all members to see.
11. Justin has so graciously agreed to re-do all GPS coordinates for the cemeteries. He also said that he has a mapping program that will allow him to print off the area maps showing all cemeteries. Thanks Justin!!
12. Donna brought up the fact that Mr. Howe decided that he did not want his headstone where it was on West Road and removed it to place on his property in Buxton for when he does need this. According to the headstone, a young child named Margaret was buried there. Is this legal? What is to be done about the stone being removed and the unmarked grave? Jim is also checking on this.
13. The following cemeteries are to be cleaned and repaired this year:
 - a. Deshon Cemetery needs a fence
 - b. Royal Hanson stone – stone needs repairing, maybe installed within a frame?
 - c. George Hall stone to be repaired
 - d. Flood Cemetery needs fence
 - e. Weymouth Cemetery needs fence
 - f. Carpenter Cemetery needs fence
 - g. Johnston Cemetery – 2 sections of fence to be repaired
 - h. Hamilton Cemetery – tree down in cemetery. Donna will e-mail Gary Mayhew of the boy scouts to see what their plans are for that cemetery this year
 - i. Sedgely Cemetery – someone keeps stealing the chain from around the cemetery. Maybe just put a small chain fence around the Vet stone?
14. New Cemetery – Mr. Gile has said that he pays Waterboro taxes on the orchard where there is a cemetery located. Kelly and Chris will check this cemetery and document for reference. They will also check for Vets buried there.
15. Jim mentioned that he recently found out that a cemetery thought long lost is behind the Starr King house. A footstone was found there. Owners are denying access to the property so it can't be verified. Possibly Smith's buried there.
16. Donna will do the Cemetery Adoption cards and mail out.
17. Great meeting everyone!! Next meeting is May 10th.
18. Meeting adjourned at 8: pm.