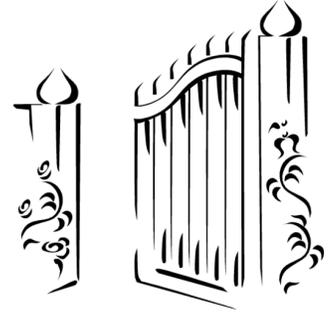




TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 6, 2007, 7pm
Gilmanton Academy
503 Province Road

Present: Trustees Marion McIntyre, Candace Daigle and Leonard Stockwell, Jr.

Amend Rules

The members held a public hearing to review proposed amendments to the September 13, 2006 edition of the Cemetery Regulations. No public was present. Changes included:

1. Pages ii-v – Add Contact info, Other Town Cemeteries info, Other Resources info and add Friends Cemetery to the Site list.
2. Page 1 – Add new amended & edition dates and add Friends Cemetery.
3. Page 7 – Add requirement that purchasers acknowledge receipt of Regulations in writing, and that only lot owners can (re)designate who can be interred in lots.
4. Amend Interment Order in forms section of Regulations & add Interment Process pages.
5. Add Signed Receipt Form in forms section of Regulations.

The members discussed the proposed amendments.

MOTION: On a motion by M. McIntyre, seconded by L. Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to adopt the amendments as presented. (3-0)

L. Stockwell noted that he had spoken with the Police Chief regarding enforcing the Regulations (nighttime closings, etc.). The Chief asked that the pertinent Regulations be posted so that they can legally be enforced. The Trustees will develop suitable wording and check on sign costs.

Budget

The members reviewed the 2007 budget status. A total of \$14.86 was carried forward to 2007 in General Maintenance.

Maint \$3,200 budgeted - \$2,070 spent - \$1,130 left.

Beautification \$2,000 budgeted - \$0 spent

Office Supplies \$100 budgeted - \$0 spent – Will need some paper & files for the permanent copies in the vault.

During prior years the maintenance had been 157 hours in 2005, 174.5 hours in 2006 and 95.25hrs in 2007 to date. The members reviewed the 2007 budget status. Carl Moorehead was

out during the spring and early summer for an unanticipated medical condition. The Trustees considered other alternatives for spring cleanup and mowing, and found that the cost for someone else to do the work was significantly higher. The Trustees used the services of Lawns by M&M Healy until Carl was able to return to work. Although the rates were significantly higher, many of the sites did not receive the usual work due to the short notice and rain so overall the budget was holding.

C. Daigle reported on the spring and early summer maintenance which unexpectedly needed some additional assistance when C. Moorehead was out for some time.

There was quite a bit of rain prior to Memorial Day. M&M Healy did some of the sites. The Trustees did some of the sites. And Carl had some of them done. Unfortunately all of the sites could not be done in time for Memorial Day.

The members discussed the 2008 budget request. They discussed the issue of better positioning the budget to cover other service providers for some of the sites as well as anticipating the time that Carl would not be available to continue working for the Trustees. Additionally the increased cost for the providers' fuel and maintenance needs to be addressed. Rates may differ between someone doing this as a part-time or retirement job versus a landscape company. The members determined that no increase in supplies or beautification would be requested, but that an \$800 increase in maintenance would be requested.

MOTION: On a motion by M. McIntyre, seconded by L. Stockwell, the trustees voted to formally authorize C. Daigle to authorize the Town and the Trustees to pay regular maintenance bills. (3-0)

Sawyer Lake Road:

JR will contact Kevin Fife regarding a price for finishing the wall at the Sawyer Lake Cemetery. C. Daigle will contact the adjacent landowner to see about access.

French Road:

In May the Trustees received a call from Mr. Wagner at the end of French Road. The Wagners had previously offered to donate fieldstone if the Town hired Jim Coffey to fix the walls around the French cemetery. The Wagners are now offering to also pay Jim if the Trustees wanted the work done. Mr. Wagner also said there was a tree down in the cemetery and that he would have his tree contractor take care of it. L. Stockwell met with Mr. Wagner and will check back to see what work has progressed.

Foss:

The Trustees received a note and two pictures from Dick Foss showing 2007 maintenance. L. Stockwell has also viewed the site this year.

Mary Butler:

Mary Butler has been cleaned out and the stone cleaned. C. Daigle reported that Paul Darbyshire has just finished the draft easement plan and Mrs. Grant has approved the language of the

easement. She will send both to the Selectmen for their review and approval.

Sleeper:

M. McIntyre has painted the gate at Sleeper and noted a stone down. C. Moorehead will be notified of the stone needing repair.

Edgerly:

M. McIntyre reported that she had located the discontinuance of the road to the cemetery in the 1928 Town Report. L. Stockwell reported that he has about 75% of the site cleared. He removed the large log. He recommends not installing chains between the upright posts. There is a danger of one of the nearby large trees coming down across the chain (especially now as the timber surrounding the site has been cut) and breaking the upright posts. There are 5 names on the stone. He believes he's located 4 fieldstones (likely the children) in a row and 1 (likely the mother) back in the rear corner.

Hatie Smith:

M. McIntyre has Stuart Merrill in Barnstead is researching likely veteran names related to the military burial at Hatie Smith.

Stroud Interment:

C. Daigle reported that she had received a call from Mr. Beane regarding Mrs. Stroud's interment at Buzzell. She put together an interment handout which has been added to the Regulations.

Weeks:

C. Daigle reported that Jack (John, Jr.) Weeks called. He had contacted Bob Dubois of Laconia Monument about cleaning their old stone at Buzzell. While there Dubois offered to do the job of filling in the sunken graves in the old section if Buzzell would drop off the loam. And he noted that some of the stones need to be straightened. Then Mr. Weeks found out that the Town had taken over the cemetery so he was calling to pass on the information.

During the conversation Mr. Weeks indicated that he would like to convert the deeds he received for his new lot into our new recordable document. He'd also like to get us info on who is authorized to be interred in his lot. C. Daigle will send him the applicable information.

Sellin:

C. Daigle reported on a call from Ann Sellin wanting to buy a lot in Hillside. She informed Ms. Sellin that there were no lots for sale in Hillside.

Southern NH Paranormal:

The Trustees received a letter from Southern NH Paranormal Investigation wanting day/night access to Edgerly Cemetery (which is actually Hillside). A letter was returned informing them about the Town's Regulations prohibiting night access and asking them for additional information and references.

Handouts:

Copies of Concord seminar were distributed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace L. Daigle, Trustee