

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Minutes of May 16, 2000

Trustee present: Bonnie Clark, chairman, Jane Black, Hughene Hale, and Mary Jane Pierce

1. Meeting convened at 5:10 p.m. by Chairman Bonnie Clark.
2. The minutes of April 11, 2000 were approved as read. (MPJ/HH)
3. OLD BUSINESS:
 - A. Payment Draft Letter -- additional revisions were made, adding the Words "row" and "lot" to indicate the location of the cemetery plot. BCT approved letter with revisions and it will be shown to Joel Dearborn.
 - B. Bill on the Honey Lot – A second letter was sent out two (2) weeks ago. still no response to date. BCT decided to wait until after Memorial day to see if anyone from the family would be coming up and perhaps dropping off a payment.
 - C. Tomb Road Cemetery – insurance payment of \$965 received to repair stones and do landscaping where the car had gone up over the hill into the Cemetery. Cost to fix the stones damaged \$500, the remaining \$465 to be used for landscaping. Tom Lambert will do the landscaping.

The steps are ready to come out and the hole will be repaired when the landscaping repairs are done. (Recorder's note: the steps are out and gone and repairs have been done where the steps were.)
 - D. Clewlyville Cemetery land – A meeting was held on May 12, regarding any available land for expanding this cemetery. It appears that we may have two (2) rows on either someone else's land or possibly on land that is not owned. Stan Plisga (surveyor) is going to measure from marker at the lower end. A letter was received (5/5/00) from Judith Pangburn asking us to hold off burials until ownership is determined.
 - E. Extra stones -- The BCT will use extra stones from the Tomb Road Cemetery to mark the lots for "Indian" and "Negro boy". Bonnie will get an estimate(s) on having engraving done to these stones.
4. NEW BUSINESS:
 - A. Hart's Corner trees and stumps – Mary Jane will check to see if there is a Policy in place regarding the removal of trees in any of the cemeteries. Bonnie proposed that one of the trees in Hart's Corner Cemetery be Removed and the stumps ground out. (MJP/HH)

The BCT approved this proposal.

- B. The Cub Scouts will place flags in the cemeteries for us for Memorial Day. The media will be here to show our Cub Scouts placing the flags. ** BCT members were asked to help place markers in the cemeteries. Bonnie will provide names and locations.

It was discussed that we leave the flags out until Flag Day or possibly Fourth of July unless we have problems.

** (recorder's question -- did anyone happen to save the picture in the BDN?)

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. Tom Lambert -- Tom will remove any plastic flowers when doing maintenance in the cemeteries.
- B. Bonnie wrote and mailed (5/16/00) a letter to MDOT regarding the fence we want to install at Hart's Corner Cemetery.
- C. Veteran's List -- A list of all veterans in all of the Holden Cemetery is done by cemetery, row, and lot.
- D. Bronze Veteran's plate -- there has been a bronze veteran's plate at the town garage since 1996, for Eva B. Griffin. Bonnie has checked on this and found that Holden, Massachusetts is the last known address for this person. The plate will be sent to the Washington, D.C. Veterans and (hopefully) find its way to the rightful owner.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. (MJP/JB)

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane C. Black

NOTE: Meeting has been changed to Monday, June 12, 2000 at 5:00 p.m.

Dear

The Cemetery Board of Holden, now known as the Board of Cemetery Trustees or the BCT, has been working very hard over the past year in getting our cemeteries cleaned up and some of the stones repaired. We have also been working on updating the records of the cemeteries to determine how much space and land is available for burials.

If you have reserved a lot, a deposit of 25 percent or \$ _____ (residents) or \$ _____ (non-residents) is due to continue to hold this lot. Please remit within 30 days. If this creates a financial problem, please contact the BCT to make an alternate arrangement. We ask that the balance be paid within a two (2)-year period. Our records indicate that you or a family member has reserved a lot in the _____ Cemetery, Section _____, Row _____, Lot _____.

The BCT, as part of their duties, has updated the Rules and Regulations of the cemeteries in the town of Holden and have determined that any reserved lots should be paid in full no later than two (2) years after the initial deposit. (Copies of the Rules and Regulation are available at the Town Office).

The BCT would appreciate your help in getting our records up-to-date.

We sincerely thank you for your cooperation and look forward to continuing our job of keeping the cemeteries in Holden looking their best.

Sincerely,

The Board of Cemetery Trustees
Bonnie Clark – chairperson
Jane Black
Hughene Hale
Loretta Libby
Mary Jane Pierce