

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 7, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Bonnie Clark, Joyce Pinkham, Ellen Campbell, Jane Black
Guests: Tom Copeland, Sherry Murray, Kerrie Zimmerman

1. Welcome – Bonnie opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
2. A Moment of Silence was observed
3. Approval of last meeting minutes

Motion by Ellen Campbell; second by Joyce Pinkham to approve the minutes from our last meeting. Approved.

4. New Business

A. Cemetery Funds

Sherry Murray from the Town Office has been researching the cemetery funds and how the funds were established and how they should be used.

1904 – a trust fund as established with a warrant article beginning with \$50 donated by the Dinsmore family. Additional donations from town families were received by the Town over the years and have been referred to as the “Town Perpetual Trust”

1999 – an ordinance was established which split the funds 50 percent in a trust fund; 50 percent for general purposes.

Ellen will research to see if a statue exists

B. Hill Rest Cemetery

Tom Copeland attended the BCT meeting to discuss concerns about the Hill Rest Cemetery:

- Repairing stones
- Old retaining wall has washed away
- Asked about an engineering study/drainage issues
- 2 driveways; could one be removed?

At the October 19 Council meeting, Tom will approach the Town Council with photos and a proposal for repairs to this Cemetery. Sherry will call Dave Merritt for a quote on the Hill Rest Cemetery wall and drainage.

October 22, Sewall will be at the Town Office for a demonstration on the website regarding cemetery mapping. There will be public access to cemetery information on the Town website.

5. Old Business

a. Unpaid lots

Wanda sent out final notices with a few being returned as undeliverable. Ellen volunteered to work on tracking down these missing people. Sherry offered to post a legal notice in the BDN

b. Review of draft of Rules and Regulations

Changes and revisions will be reflected in the most recent draft of the Rules and Regulations.

6. Other Business

a. Would the Maine Old Cemetery Association (MOCA) have any rules, regulations, laws, statues on burials on private property?

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane C. Black