

## **Waterbury Cemetery Commission**

August 7, 2018 Meeting – 4 PM

Steele Community Room

Meeting Minutes

Present: John Woodruff, Jack Carter, Betty Jones, Jan Gendreau and Barbara Walton

Guest: Barbara MacGregor, State of Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Minutes of July 2018 (need to be approve at the September meeting)

**Guest Presenter: Barbara MacGregor, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation; Phone 476-0171**

### **Proposal of Restoring 3 Cemeteries in the Little River State Park**

- 1. Ricker Cemetery – most popular; erosion concern and one or more stones need resetting;**
- 2. Upper Cemetery easy to get to with an auto and has a water source) – needs a parameter barrier; stones need cleaning ; and**
- 3. Wingate Cemetery – stone repairs**

Barb, Regional Parks Operations Specialist, was interested in our counsel and ways we might be able to assist in this project. Discussion determined that the repair of some of the stones would be done by Woody. Woody is currently working on repairing stones in Hope. John will connect with Woody about repairing approx. 3 stones. The cost of the stone repairs would be paid for by the Cemetery Commissioners. Barb can also connect with VOCA and see if there are any grants available to assist her in possible parameter barrier. Barb handed out current pictures and maps of the cemeteries. These items will be given to the Waterbury Historical Society.

**Assignment: Barb Walton will get copies of the maps and return originals to Barbara MacGregor. Check also with VOCA and see if there are any grants available to assist Barbara MacGregor in building a parameter barrier.**

### **Hope Cemetery Discussion**

- 1. Fountain Uncovered, Lower (by the Wallace's) -** discussed what we could do with the unearthed fountain. There is a nearby source of water. Need to put a lever valve on the water pipe. Plantings should be easy to maintain and probably benches to encourage meditation.  
**Upper Fountain:** Has been painted. Committee looked at a possible stature to put within the center.

**Assignment:** Jack will work on these two projects and report back to us.

- 2. Stone Repair** – Annie Ingraham's bench has been put back on more stable foundation.
- 3. Japanese weeds** in the upper corner have been cut down and will be removed from Hope once the environmental guidelines of disposing of this weed have been followed.

### **Route 100, Old Waterbury Center Cemetery) Discussion**

1. Jack presented the draft “Old Center Cemetery Tablet” informational sign for comment. Discussed font, color, text and various pictures. Proof reading is needed.

**Assignment: Jack will send a copy of proof to Jan and she will proof read.**

### **Maple Street Cemetery Discussion**

1. Roads have not been repaired.
2. Recommendation was made to cut the cedar tree and utilize the wood to make a new Bulletin Board.
3. Jack submitted for comment the draft of the Maple Street Cemetery picture for the Bulletin Board.
4. Woody will work on a stone that fell over in the cemetery.

### **Loomis Hill Cemetery Discussion**

1. Still needs to be weed wacked. John will connect with the mowers.
2. Barb brought the old slate stone (unable to put broken pieces back) of St. Claire back to Loomis. Placed old stone near St. Claire foot marker. New St. Claire granite marker will be placed once it is finished.

### **Sexton Report**

1. John reported that as of this date we have buried 29 people. Appear to be maintaining last year’s number of 31. Few lots have been sold.

**Meeting adjourned at 5 :40 PM. Next meeting is Sept 4, 2018 – 4PM**

Respectfully submitted Barbara Walton