

**Waterbury Cemetery Commission
Steele Community Room, Town Offices
February 4, 2020, Meeting Notes**

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

Guest: Barb MacGregor, Regional Parks Operations Specialist, Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation

Minutes of January 7, 2020 meeting were approved.

After serving the Town of Waterbury for 10 years as a Cemetery Commissioner, Betty Jones, will be retiring. The Committee expressed their appreciation for her dedicated service to the Town of Waterbury.

Thank You, Betty.

Budget Items for 2020 and additional funding

There was a question about whether the benches to be purchased for Hope Cemetery had been finalized. John said that benches had been cleared to purchase in 2020. Also, the VFW Legion has donated their trust fund of \$95,000 to clean, preserve, restore and protect gravestones in the Town cemeteries.

VOCA (Vermont Old Cemetery Association) Grant

Guest: Barbara MacGregor, Regional Parks Operations Specialist

Reviewed the VOCA grant application (\$750.00) that Barbara MacGregor is applying for. She needs some information from our committee in order to complete it. John will send Barbara the needed information for the completion of the VOCA grant application. The Waterbury Cemetery Commission will be giving \$250.00 as required by the grant. Depending on Woody's quote it may be more. The restoration of Little River State Park cemeteries includes 17 headstones and 9-foot markers. The cost estimated for fences around the cemeteries is around \$1000.00 and will be picked up by the State.

Loomis Hill Signage for the Right of Access

John reported that he again connected with the Hoare's about removing "no trespassing" sign. They will not remove the sign that is near the right of access for the cemetery. Committee will continue to find a solution to the problem of adequate signage for the public to understand where to enter for access.

Barb mentioned that instructions on how to access the cemetery are not found on the Town's web page. Discussion about the access problem will continue at future meetings.

Updating the Cemeteries of Waterbury and Duxbury Vermont 2000 Book

John has been making a list of the burials and cremations from 2000 – 2019. The plan is to update the Cemeteries of Waterbury and Duxbury Book. Two options were discussed on how to do it:

1. Add a supplement to the book; or
2. All the names within the current book would have to be entered into a new database that would allow staff to enter burials and cremations once information received.

Further discussion about various options of updating the Cemetery Book at the next meeting in April. Meantime, John will check out potential resources for this data project.

Hope Cemetery

Hedge taken down. Celia will remove stumps in the spring.

Snowmobiles in Maple Street Cemetery

John has talked with some neighbors reminding them that snowmobiles are not allowed into the cemetery.

Miscellaneous Items

Caleb Ainsworth was reminded to send his invoice for work in Hope Cemetery to the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.

No meeting in March due to Town Meeting.

Next Meeting: April 7, 2020 – 4PM; Steele Room, Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Walton