

Waterbury Cemetery Commission

Location: Hope Cemetery

May 5, 2020, Meeting Notes

Present: Jack Carter, Barbara Walton, John Woodruff, Jan Gendreau and Jill Chase

Minutes of February 4th meeting were not approved. Will need to do it at the June meeting.

Items Discussed

Hope Cemetery

Cedar Hedge removed. Stumps still remain and will need to be removed before any replacement plantings can take place. John will connect with the Town (Bill Woodruff) to see when the stumps can be removed and taken away. If a backhoe is required and Town not able to do it will need to contract out and the cost will come out of the cemetery budget.

Clean up progress: Area near the Janes stone have been cleared and stumps in the area will be needing to be cut and mulched. The area from the Janes down to the corner has been cleared of vines and brush removed. Arrangements to remove a tree and other brush in question has been arranged to be taken down by Eric Potter. Committee members will continue their efforts to clear some remaining areas left.

Hobart Lot "curbing" repair. Committee recommends that curbs be put back. Will need to get a quote. John will work with Bill Woodruff to get a quote and a contractor for this repair work.

Janes lot landscaping. Jack thinks we should landscape around the Janes lot, but John doesn't think we should be planting on specific lots, just in public spots. Town funds will not pay for landscaping specific plots. Jack will pursue alternative means to getting the work accomplished.

Volunteer help (Lord family). Family responded to Jack about wanting to volunteer. At the present time we need to follow the CO-VID 19 guidelines to municipalities and wait until May 15th when Governor will give update and whether cemeteries can be open, etc.

Discussed stones that have been uprooted by cars backing out of the cemetery in the winter. Skip Flanders has suggested closing the lower entrance during the winter. Committee needs to discuss and decide on this issue.

Budget Changes due to CO-VID for 2020

John reported that the \$15,000 the cemeteries receive from the town will be reallocated to the General Fund due to the lack of revenue.

Maple Street Cemetery

Flagpole and fencing replacements deferred until next year.

Road resurfacing. Needs to be done this year. **Who is seeing to this?**

Jan will check with Jane Willard about the Corrections Program and community service for those individuals on probation to help with volunteer work.

Additional Information

Barb will check with David Graves to help with cutting grass and weed whacking in Loomis Hill Cemetery

John has completed recording deaths from 2000 to 2020 in order to update the 2000 book. This needs to be finished electronically.

Some members did a walk about of the cemetery.

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION: Barb will check with David Graves to help with cutting grass and weed whacking in Loomis Hill Cemetery

ACTION: John will connect with Bill Woodruff about stump removal and take away

ACTION: Jan to check with Jane Willard about the Corrections Program and volunteer work

Some topics to be discussed at the June Meeting

- 1. How do we update the Cemetery Book digitally or insert printed pages into the book?**
- 2. Where are the remaining areas needing clean up in Hope?**
- 3. February meeting notes need to be approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm

Next meeting June 2, 2020, 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Walton