

## **Waterbury Cemetery Commission**

### **Location: Hope Cemetery**

### **September 3, 2020 Meeting Notes**

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

- Minutes of July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting – reviewed and approved.
- August meeting was cancelled due to corona virus.

### **Meeting Notes on September 3, 2020**

#### **Items Discussed, Old Business:**

#### 1. Tree Committee plan for Hope Cemetery, Winooski Street

- Jack handed out a map of the Tree Committee landscaping recommendations for the empty area that had large hedges and trees along Winooski Street. John mentioned that Jim Hanley gave a donation of \$2,000 towards the replacement planting in honor of his wife, Shannon. Committee will continue to evaluate landscaping recommendations.

#### 2. Cemetery Book Update

- Jan reported the Cemetery book is unable to be digitized. However, it was suggested by John that we consider Find a Grave database. At the present time many Waterbury cemeteries have their burials on Find A Grave. John stated that he could put in and check book data with that of Find a Grave. Additions and corrections would be made by John over the winter. He would also check vault book of names that had not been added to the Cemetery Book for the last 20 years with Find A Grave data.

#### 3. Loomis Hill St. Clair stone replacement

- Stone is still in Hope Cemetery vault and lettering has yet to be put on the stone. John will check with the contractor about finishing the lettering on the stone. Barbara to resend the lettering information to John.

#### 4. Vault vines – no report

#### 5. Sexton's Report, John

- Total Burials 15 – full ground burials 8; cremations 7

#### 6. John

- Looked at budget and it appears that we are in good shape for the rest of year.
- John will check with Bill Woodruff about having perimeter brush and trees in Hope cut down and removed by a person we would hire and pay with cemetery funds. In the future will need to cut brush along the fence line that leads to Winooski Street. We need to be able to weed whack or mow the perimeters on a yearly basis. Two sides (Winooski Street and hillside) of Hope Cemetery have been done.
- John will check with Barbara MacGregor about another field trip to Little River Cemetery that Woody has restored and cleaned stones.

**Assignments for the October 6, 2020 Commissioner's Mtg**

**John:** will check with Bill Woodruff about having perimeter brush in Hope cut down;  
will check with Barbara MacGregor about another field trip to Little River Cemetery; and  
check in with contractor about the St. Clair stone replacement.

**Barb:** send information to John about lettering on the St. Clair stone

Next meeting, Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm. Location TBD

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Walton