

Waterbury Cemetery Commission
June 2, 2021 Meeting
Steele Community Room -4PM

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

Minutes of May 5, 2021 approved.

Old Business

Loomis Hill Cemetery – John mentioned that St. Claire stone has not been set, hopefully in the upcoming month it will be done. John will check with Bill Woodruff about removing the fallen tree and limbs that came down after a storm. Barb will check with David Graves if he is still able to continue weed wacking.

Old Center Cemetery – John will check with Bill Woodruff about removing the fence and follow up concerning the stones that were damaged in the car accident. Letter will be sent to Bill Shepeluk concerning a suggestion about of collecting the costs of repairing the damaged stones.

Jack Carter and Jan Brown recommended plantings for the cemetery and costs were approved by the committee.

Maple Street Cemetery – The flag pole that will be removed will be taken by Stanton Danyea . Resurfacing of the two remaining roads in the cemetery will be done this year.

Discussed using vacant plots throughout the Maple St. Cemetery to plant shade trees. John would have to check for ones that no one has used for a very long time.

John will ask brother Bill about the timeline for Vista Tree Care’s work on the trees in Hope.

John mentioned the meeting with Jeff Pignoa, Vermont Monuments of Morrisville . Jeff reviewed what his services were and he also does restoration, cleaning and would be willing to meet with us about the business.

New Information

John is advocating for the town to hire a cemetery-specific seasonal employee who would mow, take care of brush, do small repairs, and keep the cemeteries in good shape. The town would facilitate the hiring, May-October, but the cemetery commission would foot the bill for wages. Perhaps they could then be enlisted to help public works/road crew November-April at the town’s expense.

Jill asked about the “pauper’s section” of the Hope Cemetery. Charles Daggs was in this section, but as need expanded, lots started to be sold in the original area. One section still holds the remains of those that could not afford to be buried, though we only have the names, not positions of bodies. Now anyone who cannot afford to be buried ends up at the far end of the cemetery near the public gardens.

Jan brought digitizing the grave information saying that Nickie suggested a Google Doc or some kind of spreadsheet we could use. If John is hoping to call up something quick and easy on his cell phone in the cemetery, we may need to look for something beyond a spreadsheet.

John educated us about transit permits that are needed when transporting a body from place of death (?) to place of burial. Permits from at least the last 50 years are in the town vault, some with more detailed info than others.

Assignments

Barb will check with David Graves about continuing Loomis Hill weed wacking.

John will check with Bill Woodruff about cutting tree down and removing brush from Loomis Hill.

John would check about the empty spaces in Maple St. Cemetery for possible places to plant shade trees .

John will ask brother Bill about the timeline for Vista Tree Care's work on the trees in Hope.

Next meeting: July 7th, 2021 4 PM Steele Room

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Walton