

Waterbury Cemetery Commission  
July 7, 2021 Meeting  
Steele Community Room -4PM

DRAFT

Present: Jan Gendreau, Jill Chase, Barbara Walton, John Woodruff, and Bill Shepeluk, Town Manager.

Guest: Skip Flanders

Minutes of June 2, 2021 approved.

### **New Business**

As the board convened for the first time since the passing of Jack Carter the previous week: acknowledging the significant contributions Jack provided to the board and Town over the last several decades. Because of the vacancy created by Jack's passing it was necessary to discuss the process of filling the vacancy. Bill suggested advertising the opening in Front Porch Forum and Waterbury Record. Applicants are encouraged to send letters of interest to John or the Town Manager for their consideration. Final decision to be made by the Select Board.

### **Route 100 Cemetery Insurance Update with Skip Flanders**

Skip submitted a report( at end of meeting notes) that includes talking with insurance and other individuals dealing with reimbursement for the repair of damaged stones. The report is included at the end of the minutes. Skip mentioned that a total of 5 stones were damaged. Three of stones were directly traced approximately 7 generations back to the family of Nancy Murphy (Guild is her maiden name).. The other two damaged stones have not been traced to direct descendants. The Town has three years to file an insurance claim.

The committee needs to return to discussing the topic of fixing the damaged stones that are not able to be repaired by families. May need to consider changing the by-laws about who is responsible for repair of stones after 50 years.

Skip will check into estimates from Vermont Monument in Morrisville for the repair of the damaged stones and report back to the committee.

### **Old Business**

#### **Route 100 Cemetery**

John will check into the hollow area of the cemetery about removing the fallen tree and remove brush.

John mentioned the meeting with Jeff Pignoa, Vermont Monuments of Morrisville. Jeff plans to do a walk - through of the cemetery with John in Aug and a presentation to the committee in Sept.

**Loomis Hill Cemetery** –John mentioned that St. Claire stone was delivered to the Loomis Hill but has not been set. He wanted to make sure that the placement was correct. Barb checked with David Graves about continuing volunteering to weed - wack the cemetery. He has agreed to weed - wack the cemetery. Tree and brush have not been cut down and removed yet.

Barb will continue working with the new owners next to cemetery about the possibility of removing the no trespassing signs at the entrance to road that leads to the cemetery.

### **Hope Cemetery**

Jan will contact the contractor that will be working in the cemetery removing tree and brush to also look at the Mrs. Fay's area and oak trees sprouting. Trees have been planted along Winooski street by the tree committee

**Maple Street Cemetery** – The flagpole has been removed and the town has removed the fence in front of the cemetery and we are all thrilled with the results.

Discussed using vacant plots throughout the Maple St. Cemetery to plant shade trees. The suggestion will not be considered at this time.

### **Assignments**

**Skip or Jan will report costs for the damaged stones Route 100 cemetery. And report progress with insurance.**

**John will check into cutting fallen tree and brush in the hollow area of the Route 100 cemetery.**

**Jan will contact Bill Woodruff to see if along that fence was included in the job.**

**Next meeting: August 4, 2021 4 PM Steele Room**

**Respectfully submitted, Barbara Walton**