

Waterbury Cemetery Commission

September 4, 2024 4pm

MINUTES

Present: Jill Chase, Jan Gendreau, John Woodruff, Tom Leitz

Absent: Karen Cavender, Barbara Walton

Public: Edward Guild

1. **Public**- Edward Guild was attending to ask questions about the Guild plot in the Maple St Cem. It was purchased by his father, Burton Guild, in 1966. Edward wanted to determine if there is enough room to bury other members of the family. He also mentioned that he was in contact with cousin, Nancy Murphy, about the stones destroyed by an accident in the Rte 100 Cemetery in 2021. Their families are descendants of the Knapps.

2. **Review/Approval of minutes** of Aug. meeting- passed.

3. **Financial Review**-Tom presented the account statement from Edward Jones and said we are in good shape. The budget statement shows that revenues surpassed expectations for the year. Expenditures are yet to be tallied, but it looks like we might not need to use all that we budgeted from the trust.

Stan Morse was budgeted to work from mid- June into the fall. It was requested he start in April next year before the grass needs to cut. He could be doing perimeter clearing, pruning, and other non-mowing jobs for us.

4. New Business

a. On August 5th the **Rte 100 Cemetery** again had a vehicle go through the fence as it tried to make the corner. The Alden stone was again knocked over and 2 adjacent stones broken. Bill Woodruff is looking into insurance again. **John** will be getting prices of the replacement stones from Steve Benoit at Rock of Ages to submit to the insurance company. He will also check with Woodie [man that straightens stones for us] to see if he could put the Alden stone back together with his tripod.

We wondered if guard rails could prevent future accidents on that corner. Also more signage is a possibility, but It will be up to the state to make that decision.

b. The requests of people wanting to buy **cemetery plots** aren't being attended to in a timely fashion. John's work is busiest in the summer. Any request the commissioners get should now be forwarded to the town clerk with the information. She will then text John instead of commissioners forwarding emails to him.

c. The **sign for the Loomis Hill Cemetery** hasn't been put up yet, but will be soon.

d. **Prices for the 4 stones** in Rte 100 Cem [damaged in 2021, fixed and then fell apart] will be gathered when **John** is getting numbers from Steve Benoit for the most recent accident.

5. **Other Business** will be discussed next month.

Minutes taken by Jill Chase and Jan Gendreau in Barb's absence