



SPRING GROVE CEMETERY TRUSTEES MINUTES September 9, 2014

Present: Jack Bigelow, Sandra Dearborn, William Canane
Absent: Richard Amsterdam
Also present: Paul Sanborn, Superintendent of Parks & Grounds, Forestry

Meeting called to order at 6:34 PM

Previous Minutes

- Sandra moved to approve the minutes of the July 24th meeting. William seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with no changes.

Financials

- Cemetery perpetual care report for yearend was distributed and reviewed. Discussion followed, including questions of what the expendable funds (interest) could be used for within the Cemetery.

Staff Report

- Paul briefed the Cemetery Trustees about the upcoming CIP budget requests submittal and discussion of the importance of those funds to the maintenance and beautification of the cemetery ensued.
- The replacement of the sign at the main entrance to the Cemetery was discussed. Jack told the Trustees that Richard, who was not at this meeting, had obtained a quote to have the sign panel replaced. It has been agreed that the existing posts appear to be in good condition and will be reused.
- Discussion of proposed content on the sign panel replacement included the possibility of including language to address the concern of dogs in the Cemetery. Currently there are signs posted that dogs must be leashed and dog waste must be picked up, however, Trustees have seen dogs running freely in the Cemetery. This raises concerns of public safety and health, and also disrespect to Cemetery visitors.
- A “no pets” regulation is being considered for the Cemetery, now that the Dog Park in Andover is open. Particulars as to how this regulation would be made known and how it might be enforced ensued.
- Rules and Regulations book reprints – The Trustees approved of reprints being done in-house at the Town of Andover copy center to save costs.

Cemetery Deeds

- Sandra asked if there was an update to the deed dispute that was discussed briefly at the last meeting. There has been no further contact made to the P&F division about that dispute.

Cemetery GIS and Public Access

- The Trustees were given cards with their login information to the Cemetery GIS site.
- Sandra asked that the Memorial Hall Library properly link to the Cemetery site.

Eagle Scout Bridge Project

- Invitations were distributed to the Trustees for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Woodbridge Cemetery, which would be taking place on Saturday, September 13th.
- A letter of appreciation was drafted to Jeffrey Page for building the bridge, which will make it much easier for people to access the Cemetery and improves the aesthetics as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 14, 2014.