

**SPRING GROVE CEMETERY TRUSTEES
MINUTES May 20, 2016**

Present: Gail Ralston, William Canane, Sandra Dearborn. The group welcomed new member Richard Morrissey and new recording secretary, Julie Day.

Also Present: Dan Verrington, Cemetery Foreman

Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m.

Cemetery Walkthrough

Walkthrough started at sign at entrance. The trustees discussed the railroad bed near the sign. Dan spoke with Chris Cronin and they are waiting for the area to dry out then put some fill in and regrade and see what happens.

Discussed that the sign needs replacement. Last year Jack and Sandra met with a member of the sign review board and discussed designs. Posts are fine, just need new caps. Azek will be used for the new sign. Bill asked Dan if he thought the location of the sign was OK and he said yes. Not an issue for plowing. Flowers in front of sign will be in soon. Sandy will bring design info to next meeting. The Trustees will review other cemetery sign for ideas.

Regarding the brochures at the sign. Sandy suggested maybe visitors need just the map. Dan thinks the information in the brochure is helpful and good to have. He had put out some maps only, as well as brochures so people can take just the map if they don't want the brochure.

Spicket next to sign is being fixed.

Continued discussion about offering walking tours of the cemetery. Sandy and Gail have been doing some research on it. They are planning to go on some other cemetery tours to get some ideas. They will work on over the summer.

Bill asked about the shed type building, if it is needed by the cemetery and Dan said that it is for the parks department. Sandy asked if maybe it could get moved when the new town yard is available. Bill asked if you could put graves there if building were gone. Dan thought you probably could.

Bill asked the question, who maintains the memorials, i.e.: WW1, WW2, Vietnam etc. He got no answer.

The sickly trees were discussed. Dan said that they had gotten hit by the winter moths. They will see how they do and if they don't come back, will remove in July/August.

Trash Barrels: Dan was asked what would be easier, and the answer was tin barrels not in base. Probably have a hook on the side of the faucets to hang barrels on so they don't blow away. There are about 30 barrels in total. Unanimous decision to take away remaining bases and add hooks onto faucets.

Some roads will be paved. Not sure which ones yet. Dan suggested Yuw Rd. to be repaved and the drain to be fixed.

Dan was asked if things were ready for Memorial Day and he responded that they will be.

Section H: Going to do groups of 4's & 2's. Groups of 10's don't sell. There are 20 acres left in the cemetery. Veterans Memorial. Save section on hill and have graves put around the memorial.

Section S: exposed pipe. Its actually the irrigation pipe. When the streets get hot topped they can put some over the top of that as well and it will be fine.

Bill asked Dan what would you change if you could other than the road, what would make it better. Dan's answer was to maintain grass. Put down a lot of lyme. What about limbing up some of the trees to brighten it up a bit? Committee is looking into applying for a grant to get money to do some big project. Maybe re-do granite curbing. Dan said it would be better to eliminate curbing all together.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill brought up appropriating money out of cemetery account that was brought up by a resident at town meeting. It has to stay in that account. Sandy did speak with the gentleman at town meeting and told him the money in that account could not be spent. Sandy gave him her number to call her to discuss further but she has not heard from him.

Bill asked Dan if part-time help for the summer would be hired again this year, he said that he wasn't sure if it was already in place but it would definitely be helpful.

Sandy met with the new town manager. He said that he would come down and do a walk through of the cemetery with her.

New Town Yard was discussed: Supposedly this new town yard has been approved. Maybe we could invite the selectman for our committee to let them know that the building needs to go to the new town yard. Park equipment should not be at the cemetery.

Once the parks trucks leave, Dan feels like the one building is enough for cemetery.

Dan feels that his office is fine to meet with people. He is working on changing lights in his office. He asked for lights 3 weeks ago, they were supposed to get done immediately.

Green "highway" signs were put on building without anyone asking trustees if that was OK. Maybe we could get a nice office sign for cemetery and putting it by the tree. The parks sign should definitely be taken down. Sandy was told when the trustees needed things done she was to talk with Paul Sanborn and then go to Chris Cronin directly.

Next meeting: June 14th at 6:30 p.m.