

CHESTERFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION APRIL MEETING

Tuesday April 12, 2016

Attending: Dave Smith, Pat Porter, Neil Jenness, Sexton Chris Flagg, Selectman Norman VanCor, Audrey Ericson

This evening's meeting was held at the library.

President Neil Jenness called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Our select board representative, Norman VanCor, was introduced and spoke of his interest and involvement in cemeteries in his former residence in Ashfield, Massachusetts. Chris volunteered to give him a tour of our cemeteries.

The minutes of the October meeting were distributed, perused, and by motion of Dave and second by Pat and an affirmative vote were accepted as received.

Sexton's Report:

---Chris commented on the strange, nearly snowless winter. There was a burial of cremains of Paul Hubner, Sr. in March.

---The cemeteries are in good shape and all have been visited, checked, cleaned up except Journey's End.

Chris noted that the property surrounding the Journey's End Burial Ground is for sale. Photos on line showing the property included the little cemetery there.

---Several of the cemeteries have needed some stone repair work.

---Chris has been given an official town [e-mail—sexton@nhchesterfield.com](mailto:sexton@nhchesterfield.com)

---Mark McGuire of Swanzey has inquired about his mother, Elizabeth McGuire's lot in Friedsam Cemetery and the possibility of burial in her lot or purchasing another nearby. She was Sallie Friedsam's niece.

Chris will get back to him letting him know cremains could be buried in his mother's lot or what lot nearby would be available.

---Chris has had an inquiry from an abutter of the Noyes-Robertson Cemetery on Castle Rd. regarding the military lots available there. Neil will get a copy of the deed for the military lots to Chris. The lots are available free for veterans and their spouses. There would be a charge for the burial and corner markers are required. Cost about \$135 for corner markers. Other lots cost \$250 each.

---Our cemetery crew has done some repair work on the stone wall near Rte. 63 in front of the school. It was noted that this was originally built in the late 30s as a WPA project.

---Chris reported all the equipment is in good shape.

---Mary Campbell, an abutter of the Spofford Cemetery, asked about brush cutting of overhanging sumacs along their wall. Chris will walk the wall with her.

---Chris will be taking vacation time from Aug. 20th-Sept. 6th.

---No burials scheduled at this point.

---The budget is on track.

Other Business:

---Neil was asked about the center tree-planting project of the Conservation Commission. She and Norman VanCor reported on its status.

Next meeting will be on May 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02.

Audrey C. Ericson, Secretary