

CHESTERFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION AUGUST MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 9, 2016

Attending: Neil Jenness, David Smith, Rick Johnston, Pat Porter, Audrey Ericson, Selectman Norman Van Cor, Sexton Chris Flagg

President Neil Jenness opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

The secretary's report of the July meeting was shared and corrections made.

Sexton's Report:

--16 new lots at Chesterfield West Cemetery have been laid out and marked, as was decided at our June meeting and numbers assigned starting from #200.

--A lot at Friedsam (Watts) and Spofford (Hewitt) are in need of corner stones.

--Lot 314 at Friedsam has been purchased by Searles.

--Dissolvable containers are available for water burials.

--The question was raised as to whether our cemeteries need to be marked with street numbers. It was determined they are not needed.

--Vacations: Tom Aug. 11-23; Chris Aug. 20- Sept. 6.

--Recent burials: cremation Healey-Cooley lot in Friedsam; full Sally Tenney Fosburgh in Spofford; 1 pending.

--A new 4 x 4 beam now replaces the 2 x 4 which was erroneously reported by someone to be a rain gutter at the Mead- Converse gate.

--There was discussion of plastic arrangements and we decided not to follow up on removing them at this point unless they were old or falling apart. Norm suggested that one cemetery had a special area where any old pots/old arrangements that were being removed could be placed where families could pick them up, if they wished.

--The hill at Friedsam will be needing one more mowing this fall.

--The crew is continuing the painting of the CWC fence.

Other Business:

--The need for paving the hill up to Friedsam Cemetery was discussed and whether a special article in the road agent's budget, or ours, would be needed on the next town warrant. Norm will check.

--Dave asked for a report of our budget at each meeting. He was alarmed to read in a recent selectmen's meeting report that 6 budgets have been overspent. Chris reported that our budget is looking fine.

--Regarding the dead looking pine trees by Friedsam gate: it was felt the drought is likely the cause. Under similar circumstances in the past, Dave reported a forester said patience is needed. We'll keep an eye on them.

--Trees are getting tall along Rte. 63 and Friedsam hill. Cutting back may be necessary at some point before they become too large.

Next meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Friedsam Building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Audrey C. Ericson, Secretary