

CHESTERFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING --- JUNE 14, 2016

Attending: Neil Jenness, Rick Johnston, Dave Smith, Audrey Ericson, Sexton Chris Flagg, Selectman Norman VanCor.

This meeting was held at the Chesterfield West Cemetery.

President Neil Jenness began the meeting at 6:40 after a tour of the garage and office buildings. Chris was much praised for the order, neatness, attractiveness of the facilities.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as received by motion of Dave and second by Rick and favorable vote.

Sexton's Report:

--Gary was given a big "ATTABOY" for locating, while Chris was on vacation, a grave in CWC for two women from Hookset, NH whose father, Herbert Robbins, had been murdered in Florida in the 1970s.

--Gary has walked the Spofford fence line shared with Mary Campbell. All went well. Two areas of the fence have been mended and Chris was given permission to trim along the fence line.

--Dave Smith was asked to do his usual mowing of the tall grass at Friedsam on the hill down to Rte. 63.

--Two cremations were postponed and are now scheduled for July. Chris again noted how few burials there have been this year.

--Chris and Dave discussed the need for filling deep ruts next to the Asbury U.M.Church left by the big lift in repairing the steeple. It was noted that the town owns up to "the width needed to drive a wagon around the church". Neil reported that the church will see that the ruts are filled.

--Chris will be on vacation from July 8 to July 18th. Gary will be in charge while he is gone and will attend our July meeting.

There was again some discussion regarding trust funds.

Following the business part of the meeting, we toured locations of the cemetery where there were a couple of problems.

--The Walston Lot 22 in the Annex Section has an overgrown rhododendron bush that covers most of the lot and extends into neighboring lots. Chris will take photos and was given a go-ahead to remove it. We believe there is no known family to contact. Our records show the burials were in 1964 and 1971 and there are no stones.

--The Tenney Lot #14a Main Section, has been questioned regarding the placement of corner stones by the Reardons, who purchased half of the lot recently. It was agreed, looking at our map, that they are where they should be. That particular lot was laid out differently from neighboring lots, which could make it confusing.

--We checked out the old receiving vault, now used for storage, and found all is in good order there.

--The commission noted that there are two areas in that SW corner that were never laid out for lots for some reason. Chris was given the go-ahead to have them laid out for sale.

Our July meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12.

Audrey C. Ericson, Secretary