

## Cemetery Trustees Minutes September 28, 2011

Approved

Minutes of Cemetery Trustee Meeting - September 28, 2011

Present: Rich Alperin, Edward Pelczar, Michael Pelczar

Excused: Karl Gilbert, Michael Provost

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Wayne Rosa was present to represent the Veteran Memorial Trust Committee. He updated the Trustees about the status of the Riverside Cemetery canon restoration project. Two pads have been poured at Riverside Cemetery, and bricks will connect the pads. Once restored the canon will be set on the pads and fastened there. Work should be completed this fall.

Wayne also spoke about the Old Town Cemetery and the Committee's project there. A 7 foot x 7 foot raised granite and brick area will be set around the existing granite marker and flag pole. A conceptual drawing was shown to the Trustees. The Trustees voted to approve the drawing.

The Minutes of the May 25, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

Election of officers was held: Chair – Ed Pelczar; Vice-Chair – Michael Provost; Secretary – Michael Pelczar; Bookkeeper- Richard Alperin.

Rich Alperin has been to the Old Town Cemetery and he measured the distance between the granite posts at the entrance to the cemetery. The distance is 10 foot 6 inches. He will follow up and get a price quote for a metal gate for that time period.

There are several monuments that are leaning in Riverside Cemetery. It was suggested that we try to schedule a work detail for some Saturday to straighten them so that they will not tip and fall. Ed will try to find a free Saturday morning and then send Trustees an email to see if it works for other Trustees.

A discussion was held regarding the 2012-2013 Budget request. We want to get Kai into the Old Town Cemetery in early spring to hopefully finish the repairs there. Once all repairs and cleanings are completed we can focus on the gate to the cemetery. We'll check Riverside Cemetery in the spring to see if any repairs need to be done there.

Ed, speaking in behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds, addressed the issue of Perpetual Care in Riverside Cemetery. Over the years the Trustees of Trust Funds have accumulated unspent interest in the Riverside Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund. Because of the poor return on the Perpetual Care (and all Trust Funds) for the past two years some of this unspent interest has been used to pay for the yearly maintenance of the Cemetery. Speaking as a Trustee of Trust Funds, Ed suggested that the cemetery trustees need to reduce the yearly operating budget of Riverside Cemetery so as not to use as much unspent interest. If this is not done, at some point in time, funds in the Perpetual Care account will not be sufficient to cover the expense and the Town would then be required to pick up the additional cost.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. No date set for our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Pelczar, Chair