

Cemetery Trustees DRAFT Minutes August 28,, 2013

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Cemetery Trustee Meeting – August 28, 2013
Town Council Chambers

Present: Rich Alperin, Victoria Bram, Ed Pelczar, Mike Pelczar

Excused: Mike Provost

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes of the June 26, 2013 Site-walk were approved with a spelling correction.

Ed & Mike Pelczar cemented in the two metal corner posts in the Old Town Graveyard. We will have to contact Rick at Public Works about trimming some branches to make mowing easier. Towards the middle of the cemetery there is a hole or two dug by animals that also needs to be filled in.

Ed got three price quotes for cutting down 3 pine trees in the lower part of the cemetery, and grinding 4 stumps. The Trustees voted to have Seacoast TreeCare do the work. They were also the low bidder with a price of \$1,525.00. Rick has asked the Trustees to have 2 additional stumps in the area and near the fence also ground. We will get a new proposal for the additional grinding. At this time there is no intent to fix the tar avenue in the area. Due to the surface roots of the trees the tar avenue has heaved quite a bit. Ed will contact the Town Administrator to see about being placed on the Town Council agenda to ask the Council for a Resolution to release funds from Capital Reserve.

Victoria reported on her research of the turtles laying their eggs in the cemetery. According to UNH Extension there are 7 kinds of turtles in NH of which 4 are classified as endangered. Placing some type of obstacle between the water edge and the cemetery seems to be the best answer. The Blue Flag Iris is a flowering plant that is native to the Northeast. They grow in clusters with dense foliage, will spread, and are very hardy. They also remove nitrates and phosphates from the water. This sounded like a possible solution but after some discussion it was felt that we would have to contact DES about planting near the water, and there was concern about how much they would spread. The second idea was to place some type of low fence along the embankment. While discussing the issue Rich found a low white vinyl fence that looked nice and each piece has two legs that are placed in the ground. We'll have to measure the distance we want to block and then figure out how many sections we will need. The fence would only be put out when the turtles are laying their eggs. Rich will look for styles and prices for the fence sections.

The Rules & Regulations for Riverside Cemetery were discussed. Ed Pelczar had some changes that he wanted made. This was the second reading of the Regulations. At the next meeting, if there are no additional changes, we will vote on accepting the revised Regulations. Should there be any changes then the vote will not take place until the October meeting.

There was a brief discussion about requesting funds to start saving for a gate at the Old Town Cemetery. This will be continued at our next meeting.

Ed received a communication from NH Animal Damage Control LLC that he read to the Trustees.

Rich asked Ed to speak with the Town Administrator regarding the past discussion about how the mowing of the cemeteries will be paid for. Ed said he would bring up the issue when he talked with the Administrator about being placed on the Town Council agenda.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday September 25, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Pelczar