

Shaftsbury Cemetery Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting through Zoom
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
(Draft)

Present: Kathy Cardiff, Chair; Peggy Wilson; Neal Strong; Michael Albans, Cemetery Superintendent; Marlene Hall, Town Clerk; David Kiernan, Town Administrator

Committee members not present: Joe Herrmann; Elinor Hyjek

Kathy Cardiff called meeting to order at 10:13

MINUTES

Minutes were presented from the November 11th meeting. Neal motioned to accept minutes as presented, Peggy seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

SIGNAGE

Mike and Dave will work on wording for Shaftsbury Hollow signage. No other signage is planned for other private cemeteries at this time.

MATTISON DEED

Dave will speak with Mr. Mattison about contacting an attorney to straighten out the deed.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

Kathy and Mike will finalize the procedures and they will go before the selectboard for approval soon.

SEASONAL DECORATIONS

Mike reported that he placed an ad in local papers asking people to remove any decorations (especially those they wish to keep), he then removed old decorations over a two-day period from all cemeteries. Going forward he will clean the cemeteries of old decorations twice a year. Around April 30/May 1 and November 1. He will place an ad approximately two weeks before each cleaning is scheduled to allow people time to remove anything they wish to keep. The committee concurred with this plan. No vote was deemed necessary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Center Cemetery:** A car crashed into the fence at Center Cemetery and did a fair amount of damage. Mike will ask the road crew to take the damaged section of fence to the garage for safe keeping until it can be prepared in the Spring. Mike or Dave will contact the insurance carrier to report the accident. Dave suggested Mike contact L & G Fabrications to get an estimate for the repairs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fund for North Bennington

- After some discussion regarding the funds and how they would be used, Peggy made the motion to have Kathy apply for the Grant, Neal seconded. Motion passed 3-0

Priorities for Spring

- Mike will continue to work on cleaning up the cemetery records.
- Mike would like the committee to consider installing a hedge on the South side of Village Cemetery as there is no fence along that side and he feels this would make a nice (and budget friendly) barrier.

With no other business to come before the committee, Neal made the motion to adjourn, Peggy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:19.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th 9:00am via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Hall