

Shaftsbury Cemetery Committee Meeting

Cole Hall
Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Present: Kathy Cardiff, Chair; Betsey Habberfield; Rosemary Lindsey; Peggy Wilson; Neal Strong; Marlene Hall, Town Clerk; David Kiernan, Town Administrator

Not present: Jen Holley, Cemetery Superintendent;

Kathy Cardiff called meeting to order at 9:00

MINUTES

Minutes were presented from the September 6th meeting. Peggy motioned to accept minutes as presented, Betsey seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.

ABANDONED PLOTS

A family has interest in purchasing some abandoned plots in Center Cemetery. After discussion on the legal cost of researching the plots and having them deemed resalable, Kathy made the motion "The committee agrees to negotiate with the Greene family on the purchase of abandoned plots in Center Cemetery. The family will be responsible for all legal fees incurred." Rosemary seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Burials: Since our last meeting there has only been 1 burial.
Mac Muniz - Center

Lot Sales:

- Sold 2 graves in Center. One to Alfred LaTour/Melanie Muniz & one to Carl Korman.

Grandview/Cemify Update:

I am making good progress in Center Cemetery in Cemify Section B. This month, I believe all headstone images will be fully edited and loaded into the system for Section B.

I provided Cemify with the old historical maps of Section C that they have just finished mapping to the system for us. This brings the historical section to grave level mapping which is excellent.

The Grandview raw data for Div 4 has been loaded into Cemify and I am currently working on it editing the information and finalizing grave placements and burial information and photographs. The layout information for Div 3B and Div 3C has also been loaded over the maps in the software. I have also begun work on DIV 3 raw data and combining it with the data from the original deed information I have gathered.

Headstone Cleanings:


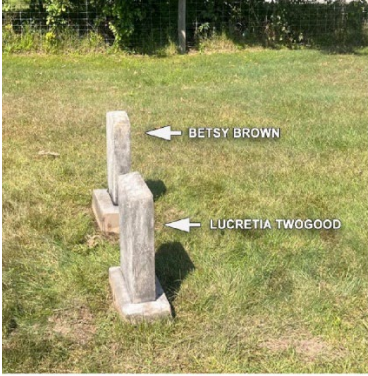

Center: 9/7/23 – 6 Stones | Village: 9/14/23 – 4 Stones | Center: 9/16/23 – 2 Stones

Grandview: 9/23/23 – 1 Stone | *Plus the Repairs below*




Cemetery Site Maintenance Management Plan:

David said I can have one or two DPW employees towards the end of October to work on headstone repairs that I cannot do myself. I have started working on the ones I can do myself. I have fixed 3 stones on my list, so far.

9/21/23 – Betsey Brown - Section A - 57 – 5 - Village Cemetery

Before	After	After
		

9/21/23 – Lucretia Twogood - Section A - 57 – 6 - Village Cemetery

Before	After	After
		

9/23/23 - William M. French - Div 2 - lot 91 - #1 – Grandview Cemetery

Before	After
	

OTHER BUSINESS

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Neal will be resigning from the committee. Kathy will contact Bryce Johnson and ask if he is still interested in serving on the committee.

BUDGET

Dave presented last years budget for the committee to review. He stated that there will be little changes to next year's budget unless the Committee has a special project they would like to have done. Because the new budget is not ready to be presented, not vote was taken.

Carol Corey Dziubek will be invited to attend the November meeting to talk about a quilt made by many women who are buried in Shaftsbury cemeteries..

With no other business to come before the committee, Peggy made the motion to adjourn, Betsey seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:25.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st, 2023 at 9:00am, upstairs at Cole Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Hall