

CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEETING

MAY 6, 2016

A meeting of the cemetery trustees was held at town hall on May 6, 2016 at 1 PM with Jeanne Walker, Linda Naughton, Dennis Sweeney, Adam Jacobs and Jason Georgantas in attendance.

Spring clean up at the three cemeteries was reported on by Jason. He said that Westlawn is done and has been fertilized. Shirley Hill and Hillside are progressing along. Water has been turned on to Westlawn. The trustees discussed turning the water on at the expansion section and this was agreed on in order to keep the grass we have. Westlawn and Hillside will be treated for grubs.

Jason said his summer help will start next week. The flags are up. All of them are new. He said we have two remains left in the crypt which will be buried next week.

Jeanne said we have the money to complete the wrought iron fence at the Westlawn expansion this year. The fence company is honoring the original price. She also discussed the infant section at Westlawn. She feels she has the names of those without stones. Would like to purchase two or three stones and put the names on them and place them in vicinity of their location. The trustees agreed to do this. Memorial Day wreaths were saved from last year and will be used in 2017. Sue at town hall also ordered new wreaths and flags. There are 6-7 dried flower wreaths. All flags will be left in place until after Flag Day which is June 14th. Any flags that are in holders or pots will remain.

Dennis asked about attending the Cemetery Association meetings. We agreed that he could attend these.

Jeanne reported that the town is asking if we can start reimbursing for mowing from perpetual funds. We agreed to look into the status of the funds before making a determination.

There was a discussion regarding dates of closure and opening of the cemeteries for the winter. Right now we have set dates. Jason was curious if we could have flexible dates taking weather and ground conditions into account. This past winter was very mild and we could have kept the cemeteries open through December. The pros and cons of flexible versus fixed dates were discussed but no decision was made to make any changes. They agreed to discuss this further.

The trustees agreed to purchase a Dogwood tree for the new section at Westlawn and possibly some shrubs for the crypt area. Next year we have a line in CIP for the landscaping.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Linda R. Naughton

Minutes subject to approval.