

Cemetery Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2023
4:00 PM Town Hall



Present: Matthew Riiska, Sandy Evans, Phylis Bernard, Linda Perkins, Stanley Civco,
JoAnn Gundlach, Barbara Gomez, Susan Lyall and Tom Sansone

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Public Comments: Susan Lyall and Thomas Sansone, abutting property owners to the South Norfolk Cemetery, attended the meeting to discuss concerns about the cemetery.

MOTION L. Perkins to move South Norfolk Cemetery Business to the top of the agenda.
Second M. Riiska. Carried unanimously.

South Norfolk Cemetery Business

- M. Riiska reported that the large maple tree at the back of the cemetery (near the wall) needs to be trimmed or taken down completely. This has been discussed with an arborist.
- M. Riiska reported that there have been quite a few people coming in to purchase cemetery plots. A second row was started in the back field of South Norfolk Cemetery but because of the recent storms, and the extra work involved, we did not have a chance to install the granite marker posts. Until they are installed it is difficult to know where to drive. The ground is too wet right now but the plan going forward is to re-establish the gravel paths and install granite posts to guide the vehicles. After talking with Muzi Lawn Service we may limit vehicle access in the back to one row to start with.
- Muzi Lawn Services took care of the tree clean-up in the back of the field.
- The large pile of dirt that has accumulated in the back field will be taken away as soon as our public works crew is freed up.
- Susan Lyall observed that vehicles drive into the back field at all hours and at times get stuck. She is mostly concerned about people back there at night. M. Riiska will talk to Troy LaMere, PW Supervisor, about installing chains near the Route 272 entrances to stop vehicle access.
- Susan Lyall brought up the subject of the beaver dam near the pond causing water issues in the past. M. Riiska reported that the Town can't do anything because the pond is located on private property.
- L. Perkins reported the Town had new cemetery maps created by a company that performed ground penetrating radar at the cemeteries.
- Susan Lyall and Tom Sansone left the meeting at 4:22 p.m.
- JoAnn Gundlach asked what happened to Red Raymond's stone. Red and his wife were recently buried. B. Gomez will check with T. LaMere to see if he knows. It was suggested that the stone may have been taken to engrave dates.

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Grantville Cemetery Business

- There have been a few burials and stones placed recently
- Muzi Lawn Service fertilized the area to bring back the grass.

Pond Town Cemetery Business

- The new fence has been installed and looks good. It is made of 4x4 pressure treated posts with PVC sleeves and was installed by the town crew. M. Riiska had gotten quotes from Cape Cod Fence and Husker Vinyl. Husker Vinyl was less than half the price. Discussion regarding the installation.
- The pine tree has been removed.
- L. Perkins suggested pruning the overgrown Mountain Laurel as well as the trees to the right.
- L. Perkins reported that entering the cemetery is challenging to navigate and needs some clarification.
- L. Perkins reported that there are some stones that are tipped and need attention before they fall.

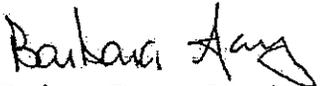
Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2023

It was noted that the April 12, 2023 minutes did not include the motion to approve the fence installation at Pond Town Cemetery. A motion was made by L. Perkins and carried unanimously for M. Riiska to move forward with the purchase of the fence from Husker Vinyl once he received and compared the price to the Cape Cod Fence quote.

MOTION L. Perkins to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting with the above correction. Second J. Gundlach. Carried unanimously.

MOTION S. Evans to adjourn at 4:42 p.m. Second J. Gundlach. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Gomez, Secretary