

Town of Springfield – Cemetery Commissioners

Minutes

Selectmen's Hall - 96 Main Street - Third Floor

Wednesday, June 7, 2017

Commissioners present: Hugh Putnam, Ron Griffin, Scott Page, Gerald Patch and Barbara A. Courchesne, Ex-Officio.

Called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda: Oakland tree removal and vault roof added to Winter/Spring update.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes dated April 26, 2017: Motion made and seconded to approve April 26, 2017 Minutes. No discussion. All in voted in favor.

Winter/Spring update: Barbara relayed the town manager's message that the first four trees along the Oakland/Assembly of God boundary will be cut by an outside contractor. Commissioners wish to be notified of the date and time of the tree removal. Ron reported that the vault roof has been tarped and the shingles removed. Ron reported that a fallen stone in Gill-Walker needs backhoe and pin to reposition. Ron reported that Memorial Day trimming was done well by Public Works. Gerry is donating the solar light for the flag pole. Day/Lockwood is "as is" on private property. Town cannot sell lots, however, Riott (land owner) at this time is not opposed to requests to inter cremations for the two known requests of decedents. No date on stones and Hugh is certain a Revolutionary War soldier is buried there. Oakland and Pinegrove have graves that settled and Scott will talk with Public Works about checking on them; may be a woodchuck issue. Ron requested "no parking" sign on end of Section I (baby lots) to stop cars from parking on top of those unmarked graves. Scott will talk with Public Works about a barrier. Ideally next survey of Oakland would include work up of Section J towards Section I to get in more graves. The church property is not viable at this time, therefore, in the meantime its best to make use of what is available and to section out and pin out lots between Section J and Section I. Barbara relayed a message that Jim Ballard mentioned having state highway signs with directions to Oakland and Pinegrove. Commissioners discussed that these signs are expensive to purchase and require yearly maintenance fees. It is uncertain at this time if the proposed Gurney contribution is viable and Gerry will check on this.

Adjourn: Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara A. Courchesne*

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