

Town of Springfield – Cemetery Commissioners  
Minutes  
Selectmen’s Hall - 96 Main Street - Third Floor

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Commissioners present: Scott Page, Hugh Putnam, John Swanson, Cathryn Feickert and Barbara A. Courchesne, Ex-Officio.

Meeting called to order: 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Page

Additions to the Agenda: None

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes of September 4, 2019: **Motion** made by Hugh Putnam and seconded by John Swanson to approve Minutes as presented. No discussion and unanimously voted in favor.

Year-end wrap up: At some point property adjacent to Pine Grove Cemetery that is flat and sandy will be available for purchase. The property contains a house to be torn down and a garage that can be used for storage. Drew Bartley is the contact for this property.

Cathryn was unable to attend Preserving Historic Cemeteries lecture on September 12, 13 and 14 sponsored by Historic Windsor and the National Park Service, however, Hugh mentioned that Walter Wallace attended and may be able to brief the committee in the spring.

Cathryn will explore the possibility of an Eagle Scout project for documenting eroding engraved information on the oldest and most vulnerable stones in Summer Hill Cemetery which are falling victim to age and elements. The project should include written and digital evidence as well as an assessment of condition for each stone.

Summer Hill Cemetery has unused graves belonging to families that could be addressed at some point in the future. Burials on private property are complex and involve health and water statutes.

Barbara discussed a project in the works to get pdf copies of cemetery cards on the town’s website by April 2020 so that information would be available 24/7 to the public.

Scott reported that the sexton is by himself doing clean up in the cemeteries. There is a need for additional personnel; it’s challenging. Josh Blish was a great help to Steve but he has been moved to a different area.

Adjournment: **Motion** made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be in April 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Barbara A. Courchesne*  
Barbara A. Courchesne, Cemetery Commissioner, Ex-Officio