

BARRE TOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR MAY 22, 2019 MEETING
6:30 P.M., BARRE TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at the town offices at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members: Alan Garceau, Norman Coates, and Dwight Harrington attended the meeting, Angela Labrador and Robert Benoit, were absent. Carl Rogers, town manager, and sexton Dwight Coffrin also attended.

AGENDA CHANGES - ADDITIONS

Details: none this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Coates made a motion, seconded by Mr. Garceau, to approve the agenda as presented. With no further discussion, the motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Garceau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coates, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2019 meeting as written. With no further discussion, the motion carried on a voice vote.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT

Town Manager Rogers provided the latest budget figures for the cemetery operations. An increase was noted in the revenue amounts for cremation burials and interest payments. Overall, revenues and expenses are in line with the budget.

RECEIVE GUESTS

None this meeting.

SEXTON REPORT

Mr. Coffrin reported seven interments for the month including four full burials with burial vaults. There are seven interments scheduled for June. He has sold three, two-grave lots. In Wilson Cemetery, the flag pole has new rope, a new flag, and the flag's illumination light has been adjusted. The crew has repaired three breaks in the waterlines. There is a downed tree limb to be removed. The schedule shows the cemetery will be mowed and trimmed in time for Memorial Day. The Maplewood Cemetery has been mowed twice, the West Hill Cemetery has only needed to be mowed once. The verticut seeder machine is down again, probably as a result of old gasoline. The town maintenance crew will repair the machine.

Mr. Henry Dessureau has looked at the vault doors at the Wilson Cemetery and will be furnishing a proposal to sandblast and paint them.

APPROVAL OF DEEDS AND MONUMENTS

- A. Deeds: Terri Crawford, Wilson Cemetery, New Section B, Lot 154, 10' x 8'
- B. Niche reservation: none this meeting.
- C. Monuments: none this meeting.
- D. Niche covers: none this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2018 gravestone replacements. The five replacement stones have been manufactured, delivered, and are in storage. The sexton and the crew will set them at the appropriate time, Mr. Harrington will assist in marking the locations in the cemeteries.
- B. The discussion concerning the webinar suggested by Ms. Labrador was postponed.
- C. The discussion concerning the May 9th meeting of the Old Cemetery Association was postponed.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. None this meeting.

AROUND THE TABLE DISCUSSIONS

- A. A general discussion took place about replacing the five large cedar trees located on the Websterville Road entrance to the Wilson Cemetery. Mr. Coffrin said the trees had become labor intensive and costly to protect with burlap during the winter months against damage caused by grazing deer. He suggested they be replaced with dwarf flowering crab trees. A budget item in the recently passed cemetery budget would cover the expenses. He will bring cost information to the June cemetery meeting.
- B. The shrubs and trees have been delivered for planting at the Maplewood Cemetery.
- C. The grave marking flags have been placed at the Wilson Cemetery.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting set for: June 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Place: Room 3, Barre Town Municipal Office, Websterville.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Garceau made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Coates. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Alan Garceau, Chairman
by Dwight D. Harrington, recorder