

BARRE TOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR JULY 24, 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, Robert Benoit, and Dwight Harrington in attendance, Angela Labrador absent due to business obligations. Carl Rogers, town manager, and sexton Dwight Coffrin also attended.

AGENDA CHANGES - ADDITIONS

Details: add an item to discuss asking town manager Rogers to make a request to the select board that the cemetery commission be the sponsor for the next bulk trash day.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Garceau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Benoit, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 meeting as written. With no further discussion, the motion carried on a voice vote.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT

None this meeting. The town manager will provide year end information for fiscal year 2018-2019 at the August meeting.

RECEIVE GUESTS

None this meeting.

SEXTON REPORT

Mr. Coffrin reported he had no interments, entombments, or cremations this month. He sold two, two-grave lots, there are two foundation requests for approval, and four foundations to be installed. Mr. Dennis Beaudin assisted in the re-setting of the monument recently pushed over by a motor vehicle at Wilson Cemetery. The crew has been mowing and trimming at the cemeteries and plan to spread some grub eliminator at Wilson this week. The first row of privet hedge is being planted there. In August, painting of the cemetery fence at the Maplewood Cemetery will start up again.

APPROVAL OF DEEDS AND MONUMENTS

- A. Deeds: Kenneth Jr., Janice, and Theodore Cochran, Lot 189, New-B, 10 x 8, Wilson
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- B. Niche reservation: none this meeting.
- C. Monuments: James Tait, Lot 447, New-B, Wilson
Kenneth Jr., Janice, and Theodore Cochran, Lot 189 & 190, New-B, Wilson
- D. Niche covers: none this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Five replacement stones, update. Mr. Harrington reported to the commission he had marked the locations in the cemeteries for the placement of the five monuments manufactured this past year. The sexton and crew could begin the work when time allowed.
- B. Price increase for lots to selectman. The commission discussed the proposed lot and fee increases. Most items have increased by \$50, and the lot prices have increased by \$50. The price of concrete increased by a dollar per cubic foot with the overall minimum charge up by \$25. Mr. Garceau made a motion to forward the lot price increase to the select board with a recommendation they be adopted as presented, the price increase to become effective 1 October 2019. Mr. Harrington seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion carried on a voice vote.

Mr. Garceau made a motion to raise the cemetery fees to reflect the increases shown in the list provided, to become effective on 1 October 2019. Mr. Coates seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion carried on a voice vote.

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Harrington noted there are more stones down in the cemeteries. Mr. Coffrin attributed the breakage to old age. Most of the stones are broken near the base and could be repaired and reset. The sexton and crew could do the work with borrowed tools and there is some epoxy left over from other repairs. Mr. Harrington will do an inventory of the historic sections of the cemeteries for the August meeting.
- B. Bulk trash day. The commission discussed the possibility of sponsoring the bulk trash day to be held on 21 September 2019. Town manager Rogers said additional assistance would come from the Phoenix House. Mr. Garceau asked Mr. Rogers to make the request on behalf of the commission to sponsor the event.

AROUND THE TABLE DISCUSSIONS

No items this meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting set for: August 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
Place: Room 3, Barre Town Municipal Office, Websterville.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Coates made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Benoit. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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