

Minutes from 8/5/20 Cemetery Commission meeting
6:00 PM
Remote Access Meeting with Zoom
(Under Emergency Order for Pandemic)

Approved at the September 9, 2020 meeting

Members present: Walter Tibbetts (WT), Janice Stone (JS).

1. Review & approve minutes of 5/20, 6/1 and 6/8 meetings. Minutes not done yet, next time.
2. Gravestone Repair Project. WT said he had not heard from TaMara Conde (TC) about starting the gravestone repair work, so called her Monday. She was wondering what was going on, since she had sent back the papers, the Selectboard voted on them, but Town Administrator Rebecca Torres (RT) had not sent them to her. She finally did receive a copy of the signed contract and may start work next week.
WT and JS discussed how to handle the volunteer training workshop. The first part could be held in the Fire Station with social distancing (seats 10' apart). Depending on how many people are interested it could be two sessions. Will the Town allow us to do it in person or by Zoom? It would be nice to have the presentation open to more people, and then people could sign up for training. WT will let JS know when TC comes to start work. He will work out details on the training with her.
3. Son of Nathan Wheeler stone. WT told JS about a woman calling from the Swift River Historical Society about a found gravestone for this person. Some people bought a house on the Cape and found the broken gravestone. Through research they learned the parents were buried in the old part of the West Cemetery. They have a broken stone next to their gravestones. WT thought this would be a good project to show at the volunteer workshop, so the stone could be fixed and reinstalled next to the parents. It is a slate stone from the early to mid-1800s. TC and JS agree.
4. Cemetery Policies and signs. WT will check with Ray Cusson about whether he ordered the signs or not.
5. Membership Status. JS informed WT that she was leaving town, so would have to step down from the Cemetery Commission. She checked with the Town Clerk and found out people can stay on in elected positions for up to 6 months if they continue to be registered to vote in that town. JS said she would be willing to stay until December if WT was willing to have her. She hopes they can find a replacement soon, but wants to see the Gravestone Repair project completed before

she goes. She has to ask the Selectboard for approval to do this, but wanted to check with WT first. He agreed.

6. Other business. WT mentioned that he spoke with Larry Holmberg, the surveyor working on the West Cemetery plots plan. Mr. Holmberg said that all the measurements have been done from the baseline on the ground, so the maps do not match well with on-the-ground conditions. The plots are not perpendicular to the roads, but rather at an angle. What is the best way to deal with this? Maybe move some sections of the roads? Things are worst between rows 5 & 6. Maybe Mr. Holmberg could come to the next Zoom meeting to discuss?
7. Next Meeting Dates. August 26th at 6 PM by Zoom. JS will check to see it does not conflict with Historical Commission meeting.
8. Adjournment at 7 PM. JS made the motion, seconded by WT. All in favor.

Submitted by

Janice Stone

Cemetery Commission secretary