

Meeting of
Canaan Cemetery Trustees
June 8, 2016

Present:

Barbara Hayward, Trustee
Phil Carter, Trustee
Ken Lary, Trustee

Mike Samson, Town Administrator

Barry Geddes, Cemetery Custodian

Ellie Davis

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. The following items were discussed;

Mike Samson reported that Barry Geddes had been promoted to full time status and a new employee is under contract for 34.5 hours per week to assist with the maintenance of the cemeteries and government buildings. Several complaints have been received regarding the lack of maintenance in the cemeteries over the Memorial Day weekend. This was due to the lack of staff. The situation has been addressed by the above mentioned hiring. Mike also discussed the fees for burials will be used to partly fund Barry's position in the future and casket burials will be contracted out. Barry has been and will continue to do the cremation burials. The town is in the process and has Selectmen approval to purchase a trailer to transport the cemetery mower.

Barry reports that all the smaller cemeteries have been mowed and the remaining will be done beginning tomorrow, (June 9.) The new mower is working very well and the "break in" period maintenance has been done. The road repair at Wells and Canaan Street cemeteries is still pending.

Phil reports that John Pelkey has been contacted to do the tree work at Wells Cemetery for \$1,800.00 - \$2,000.00 and will be doing that June 18th to the 20th.

The Trustees discussed rewriting the rules and regulations to cover ALL cemeteries. Currently the rules are not uniform. A draft of the new rules will be done and shared with the Selectmen. A public hearing will be scheduled in the near future regarding those new/amended rules.

Ellie Davis, Chair of the Town Budget Committee asked that the Cemetery Trustee's budget be ready by the September 15th meeting. Trustees advised it would be ready and one of the Trustees would attend.

Ken Lary relayed a general review of the info obtained at the June 7th Attorney General's training seminar in Concord and gave the other Trustees copies of all the materials.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20

