

Cemetery Trustees Meeting
August 10, 2016
Wells Cemetery

Present:

Barbara Hayward – Trustee
Phil Carter – Trustee
Ken Lary – Trustee

Al Posnanski – Selectboard Rep

Barry Geddes
Ben Abair

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM. The minutes from the July 13th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Barry reports that all cemeteries are up do date. He advises he has a load of stone arriving at Wells Cemetery on August 11th to address some of the wash out problems. John Pelkey has completed some tree work, as mentioned last month. The Town will be contacted regarding reimbursement from the Nixon fund. Barry is going to check with Harris Rebar regarding the cost of sections of replacement fence. Also, some of the fence being removed from Canaan Street Cemetery, to widen an entrance can be used at Wells to replace a part of needed fencing.

Barry reports the upper entrance road at Well has shifted and is now encroaching on some of the upper grave corner stones. He will work on realigning the road to correct this. He also reports the areas to the side of the receiving tomb are eroding and the retaining walls are starting to lean outward. He will check with the Town about perhaps disassembling the walls correcting the erosion and resetting. He still would like to "carve down" the upper entrance at Wells to allow for better access. Again, he will check with the Town about using Highway Department help.

Regarding the appointment of two alternates to the Trustees, it was decided to ask Ellie Davis and Carol Cushman if they are interested. If so, a letter will be sent to the Selectmen requesting the appointments. Terry Knowles at the AG's office will be contacted for more detailed info on what needs to be in the letter.

There are two dead trees outside the stone wall on the west side of the upper section. This land is believed to be owned now by Don and Trish Butterfield who live on Follansbee Road. They will be contacted to ask permission to cut the trees.

Al Posnanski mentioned finding out if the Town has a Right of Way to the Scofield Cemetery on Ibey Road. Currently the 4-H Club does an annual maintenance there if he wondered if the surrounding land owners restricted access, could they still get in. We will attempt to find out.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.