

September 11, 2018

Cemetery Trustee Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Don Dollard at the Town Offices.

In attendance were Don Dollard, Scott Norris, and Jim Thompson.

Minutes of July 10th meeting were discussed and accepted.

Communications:

Notice of October 10th meeting of the N. H. Cemetery Association

Received newsletter from Old Graveyard Association

Received letter from Attorney General about future training on Trusts

Received telephone call from lot owner in Village Cemetery about low hanging limbs on one tree. Don took care of it.

Received complaint about abundance of grubs in Village Cemetery

Notice from Mr. Herman of Work Crew Availability Crew week of Oct. 1 and, also, a reminder of insurance requirement from private contractors.

Report of our walk with Board of Selectmen and School Board Member Alan Villeneuve on August 27th. Minutes from the site walk can be found on Selectmen's page of the Town's website.

Old Business:

Don and Jim met with Bill Smallwood at Longmeadow Cemetery on August 15th to go over modifications of 2017 contract originally signed with Shade Tree Landscaping who sold to Smallwood Landscaping. After discussion, it was mutually agreed to terminate the remainder of the contract on September 3.

Don reported that since our last meeting, there was one gravesite sale and two committals and one veteran's military stone placed.

New Business:

It has become obvious that we have a major grub problem in both cemeteries. After discussion with two fertilization companies, it was agreed to go with the Highest Quality Lawn Care, Inc. for a full application of Dylox Curative Grub Control in both cemeteries as soon as practical. Note: this company is presently servicing the Safety Complex area as well as the ball fields at Wayne Eddows.

Another major problem has developed at Longmeadow. A clump of four large ash trees has grown to the extent that its root system is pushing out the front wall. One of the four is now dead and hanging toward the highway. Don met with Road Agent Mike Dross and he received on our behalf a favorable quote from the company that does the Town's tree work to remove them and grind the stump in place. The Trustees agreed to proceed ASAP.

Jim reported that the maps for both cemeteries and the excel file for each are now on the Town's website.

Jim, also, presented a pamphlet from the State of N. H. on what to do when encountering human remains.

Discussion was held on the status of the private Robie Cemetery in the subdivision near the Derry line. We felt we had an obligation to proceed with necessary requirements for the Town to assume ownership. Jim plans to discuss this with Bill Herman and report.

Motion by Jim Thompson to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Scott Norris.