

**Town of Auburn
Cemetery Trustees
December 16, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

All Trustees in attendance. Susan Jenkins was also present and monitored the conduct of the meeting.

A Motion to accept minutes of prior meeting of October 21, 2014 as submitted by Donald Dollard, on motion made by David Jenkins, seconded by John Roy, and passed without discussion, by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Discussion was had as to the increasing of charges and fees so as to become at least remotely comparative with those of surrounding communities; a general discussion of those charges was also had at that time. David Jenkins pointed out the fact that, while the Town has an ongoing need to provide maintenance for gravesites, no additional income is received from lot owners once a site has been sold. All members agreed that our fees and charges were too low and that this subject matter should be reviewed as the primary focus of a subsequent meeting and, if necessary, the only item on the agenda for that meeting if the topic required extensive discussion. It was further agreed that the posting of the date of that meeting, and the agenda for it should be had at least one full month in advance of it. There were no additional subject matters presented for review under the heading of old business.

New Business

Donald Dollard provided the board with detailed budgetary expenditures for fiscal years 2013 and 2014, which he recently requested through Adele, from the Selectmens' Office. He also provided us with information obtained from Barbara Carpenter, Trustee of Town Trust Funds, as to the limited availability and permitted and non-permitted uses of funds held in trust by the Town for each town cemetery.

Susan Jenkins indicated that she would make available to Donald Dollard copies of prior deeds in order to assist him with his mapping of each cemetery. A copy of the most recent draft was displayed by Donald Dollard. The details of the drafting and were impressive. Donald Dollard indicated that he would utilize the deed descriptions in conjunction with Bette Dollard's research of the Auburn Village Cemetery to further develop a master list on each cemetery. David Jenkins volunteered to work up bed specifications for needed repair work for the vault of the Long Meadow Cemetery.

There was a general recognition and acknowledgement of all persons present that both of our Town cemeteries have been vastly improved over the past few years. It was not noted however, but perhaps should have been, that the improvements were accomplished with relatively little cost to the Town.

A Motion to adjourn was made by David Jenkins. Said motion was seconded by Donald

Dollard. No discussion was had. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.