

CHESTERFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION

September 13, 2016

Attending: Dave Smith, Rick Johnston, Pat Porter, Neil Jenness, Audrey Ericson
Selectman Norm VanCor had to attend the NH Primary Session at the Town Hall

President Neil Jenness opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m..

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed, the wording was improved, and accepted as corrected.

Sexton's Report:

- Trish has been asked to pay the gatekeepers for their work of opening & closing the gates May-October.
- Dave was asked to do more mowing on Friedsam Hill.
- The electricity at CWC will be turned off October 1.
- Buelah Reardon is okay with the boundaries of her lot.
- Karen Bills, daughter of Leonard & Marilyn Stoddard, would like to have the monument on their lot in Friedsam moved to be in line with her folks' burial. The Commission agreed to her asking her monument company to move it to the new location.
- Chris distributed his budget report. Next year's budget was discussed. COLA will be .6; fuel \$2.10 a gal. He doesn't expect many changes otherwise. Concern was expressed for damage from trees whose root systems could have been compromised by our severe drought.
- Neil has heard a complaint about the Spofford Cemetery looking shabby. The drought is much to blame for that. Chris will use some lime on the grass, which should help.
- A new weed whacker has been purchased.
- Upcoming vacation dates of the cemetery crew were shared.
- Chris is negotiating with Chris Lord, Public Works Director, concerning repaving the road on the hill up to the Friedsam Cemetery and also the road leading into Spofford Cemetery. He gave him a tour to show what is needed. Sealing sections not needing repaving is being considered by Chris and his crew.
- We will review our 2017 Budget at our October meeting.
- There is \$200. left in the stone repair budget.
- 2 new military stones have been placed in Pattridge Cemetery.

Pat passed on the compliment she was given that the Chesterfield West Cemetery is the best looking cemetery the person has ever seen.

Neil shared that a group called Find-a-Grave has photographed cemetery stones for Ancestry.Com. The Center Cemetery has been done and possibly others in town.

There was discussion about more and more of the stones becoming illegible and how important the work was of documenting the stones for our 1980 Cemetery Book so that we have that information.

Our next meeting will be on October 11, 6:30 p.m., at the Friedsam Building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55. p.m.

Audrey C. Ericson, Secretary