

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission Meeting - April 10, 2018

Present: Neil Jenness, Fran Shippee, Ed Cheever, Cheryl Maibusch
Meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Since this meeting was the first Cemetery Commission meeting for Fran & Ed, Chairman Neil thought it would be a good idea to go over “all things Cemetery Commission” during this meeting. Responsibilities of the Commission were related (mapping the cemeteries, selling plots, supervising burials & exhumations, policy setting, care taking, etc), as were other points of information (3 active cemeteries - Friedsam, Spofford, Chesterfield West), vaults have been required in recent years which has reduced the number of full-body burials per plot from 10 to 8 to account for the dimensions of the vaults.

There is also a New Hampshire RSA which does allow for burial on private property as long as local zoning regulations are followed in regards to setbacks, access, notification, documentation, etc.

Four corner markers are required when a plot is purchased to demarcate the plot. Generally monument companies produce these and set the stones as well.

Cemeteries are open throughout the season (May 1 - Oct. 31) from 9:00 a.m. till dusk. Our three gate keepers for the locked cemeteries are Audrey Ericson, Pat Porter, and Rick Johnston.

In the absence of Chris Flagg (sexton) at this meeting, his email update from April 5 was read at the meeting. It stated that his crew had already started spring clean up and that 8 broken stones had been found to date, as well as the fact that all equipment has been serviced and is running.

It was also reiterated at this meeting that a field trip this year would be desired to the more remote cemetery locations so the Commission members can become familiar with them. This will be coordinated with Chris Flagg.

Finally, the minutes from the October 10, 2017 meeting were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Maibusch