

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission Meeting - July 10, 2018

Present: Chris Flagg, Fran Shippee, Ed Cheever, Neil Jenness, Norman VanCor, Cheryl Maibusch

Meeting called to order at 6:57 p.m. at Chesterfield West Cemetery.

Meeting minutes from June 12 were amended (regarding corner markers) and were approved as amended.

Report from Chris Flagg, sexton, was as follows:

- We are halfway through the season and the budget is doing well, having spent only 37.2% of what was budgeted for the year so far.
- 16 new plots have been developed and charted in Chesterfield West.
- There was no storm damage at Draper Cemetery and the two smaller ones near there.
- Completed a burial on 7/9 and there are 3 more cremations coming up on 7/21, 8/18 & 8/27. There have been 13 burials/cremations so far this year in Chesterfield's cemeteries.
- Storm Damage Report:
 - West Cemetery (off Welcome Hill Rd.) had a large tree come down during last month's storm and many slate tombstones were broken and damaged. Chris & crew have been hard at work dismantling the fallen tree. When the tree has been fully removed then headstone damage will be assessed. Chris will have a better idea at that time of what stones he will be able to repair and which stones will need more expert attention. Just prior to tonight's meeting Sen. Jeanne Shaheen's office communicated with Chris inquiring about the damage in this cemetery. Chris will respond to the Senator's inquiry tomorrow.

- Partridge-Albee Cemetery also had a large tree come down damaging some headstones although there weren't as many stones damaged in this cemetery. The tree, however, will be more difficult to remove than the one at West Cemetery.

- Kudos to Tom & Gary for handling many things during Chris' absence. They handled the initial storm assessment & clean-up, an emergency burial the very next day, as well as the exhumed infant from Concord's transfer & reburial.

- The water faucets at Chesterfield West are now fully operational.

Neil Jenness said that she has sold more plots this season than usual it seems. She also had an inquiry about doing a "green" burial; that is, a burial with no vault, possibly no casket, and where no preservatives have been used on the body. Neil explained that such a burial could be done on one's own property but cannot be done in any of Chesterfield's cemeteries due to the risk of contamination. If done on one's own property, the location of such a burial needs to be added to the property's deed and permanent access to the burial site(s) must be maintained into perpetuity.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Maibusch