

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission Meeting –October 13,2020 Draft

Present: Ed Cheever, Pat Porter, Neil Jenness, Margaret Winn, Gary Winn, Jeff Titus, Chris Flagg, sexton.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm at the Stone House Museum.

The minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting were approved.

It was mentioned that cemetery records and procedures need to be explained to the commission members. A meeting will be scheduled during the off season to do this.

Margaret and Jeff have been working on the update of the CWC for the Cemetery Book. They have discovered some issues that need to be resolved:

1. Stanley Thomas Lots- the burials and markers are spread over 3 lots. They only own 2. Neil will speak to Barbara Thomas.
2. Lawrence and Glen Chickering each own lots that besides the ones that they are buried in. Are their families, descendants aware of this?
3. In Friedsam- Gail Meyer has 4 lots with no corner markers or stone. Neil will talk with her.

Sexton's Report-

Chris's last day for the season is tomorrow, October 14th. He may come back in December to help winterize equipment and do some cleanup if the weather permits it. The cemeteries will close on November 1st. Tom will be off for October 21-25. Lee Richards will cover.

The commission was eligible for some Go For Funds to help with Coved 19 related expenses. This would help cover the need for extra transportation due to distancing requirements. Gary asked if we applied for it.

There is stone repair still to be done by Keene Monument in Spofford Cemetery.

The road paving is done in Spofford.

A gravestone will be instated in Friedsam on Thursday in Friedsam.

Tree down on the edge of Friedsam will be taken care of.

The budget looks adequate for the rest of 2020.

Chris will continue as Sexton in 2021.

The Warrant Article for the 2020 Town Meeting concerning the establishment of an Expendable Trust for funds from lot sales was discussed. Has it been established? Funds from cremation burials should be put in this fund also. Ed Cheever will look into this.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Cornelia Jenness

Secretary