

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission Meeting – July 16, 2020 Final

Present: Neil Jenness, Ed Cheever, Pat Porter, Margaret Winn, Gary Winn, Selectman's Representative, Chis Flagg, sexton. Former Commissioner, Fran Shippee also attended.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm in Friedsam Cemetery.

Election of Commission Officers: Ed Cheever was nominated as Chairman; Neil (Cornelia) Jenness, as Secretary, by Pat Porter, seconded by Margaret Winn. Vote was in the affirmative.

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 and January 22, 2020 were approved.

New Commission member: Jeff Titus was recommended. Margaret will ask him to join the Commission.

Sexton's Report: Chris Flagg, sexton commented how good it was to get together again after the pandemic quarantine. (We kept our social distances).

They have been able to keep up with the maintenance work because of the lack of burials.

We have a new employee, Li Richardson, who is working out very well. He joins Tom Flavin on the crew.

Vacations: Chris will be on vacation August 13 to the 30. Tom, from August 20 to 30.

Water in Chesterfield West Cemetery: Due to construction over the water line which runs from the Chickering's pond, water supply to the cemetery has been interrupted sporadically. Chis put in a water barrel for the time being. He will also write up the history of and a description of the system for providing the water to the cemetery.

Precautions taken: Staff observes social distancing, hand sanitizing & washing, and undergoes temperature testing daily.

No storm damage found in the outlying cemeteries- Draper-Crouch and Beal-Latham.

Robertson Cemetery has a stonewall failure.

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New cremation lots in Friedsam: Chris with Tom's help has laid out 30 new lots for cremations only. They are smaller 5'X5' and could contain up to 4 cremains. Only one large stone would be permitted, on the side nearest the woods. The corner stones would be smaller. The cost would be \$125. We toured the site of the new lots. Those new to the commission were introduced to the layout of the whole cemetery.

Other Business:

General Cemetery Care Expendable Trust Fund: The new Cemetery care trust fund voted on at the 2020 Town Meeting was discussed. A clarification as to whether funds from here can be used to tar the Spofford Cemetery road, as the funding for this was voted in the affirmative to come from the general fund in a separate article. At the virtual town meeting we had asked that this article be passed over.

Income from Lot sales: A warrant Article will be needed to put this year's lot sales income into the Cemetery Care Trust. At present it will go into the general fund.

Cemetery Deeds: New deed forms for both regular lot sales and for the special cremation lots will have to be prepared. Neil will take care of this. She will bring copies of the new deed forms to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cornelia Jenness

Secretary