

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission Meeting – September 15, 2020

Present: Neil Jenness, Ed Cheever, Pat Porter, Margaret Winn, Jeff Titus, Gary Winn, Selectman's Representative, Chis Flagg, sexton.

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Cheever at 6:35 pm in Chesterfield West Cemetery.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved with the correction of the meeting date.

Sexton's Report: He handed out the 2020 weekly budget and the proposed 2021 budget. Chris reported that a new pump had been installed in the Chesterfield West fountain. It worked, but drained the pond. He turned it off.

Spofford Cemetery road has been paved. Toppled gravestones there have not yet been repaired by Keene Monument. The payment of estimated \$1374 for this should be able to come from this year's budget. He is keeping an eye on the large pine trees.

The fence at CWC was discussed. It has been painted 3 times in Chris's tenure. The pressure treated pine uprights only lasted 3 years. Vinyl replacements would be in danger of snow bank damage so close to the road. Chain link is not an option. The turnstiles are broken, probably by children playing on them.

In answer to a question, Chris said that the cemetery phone is a flip phone. The same one he purchased 10 years ago.

Chris noted that the salaries as printed on the budget presented include the amount paid for work done for the town. This will be corrected. The salaries reflect the Cola raise. The hours worked stay the same.

The cemeteries will close on November 1st as posted. Earlier gate closing times have been posted. Chris's last day for this season will be October 14th. The crew will still be working.

Other business: The disposition of money from lot sales was discussed. In the past it went into an individual trust fund. It was our plan that these funds would go into an expendable trust fund for the care of all the cemeteries. There was a question concerning whether the article before the 2020 Town meeting reflected

that. Neil will check this out. The question of the where the funds paid for burials go was raised.

The next meeting will be October 13 at 6:30 in the Town Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cornelia Jenness

Secretary