

Brentwood Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2023

- Meeting opened with Joyce Keegal, Albert “Skip” Belanger, Dave Menter, Jim Hajjar, and Caleb Labbe.
- Motion made by Dave, seconded by Jim to accept Skip as voting member of Trustees for June 1st meeting.
- Accepted May 4th meeting minutes as written with corrections spelling of Dave Menter and Jim Hajjar names
- Signed the electric bill
- No deeds to be signed
- Brief review of budget – no details really reviewed as budget looks on track.
- Cemetery Activities
 - Arkell Memorial – 65 people attended
 - Memorial Day – 96 people attended. Special thanks to Joyce for once again coordinating and leading the event! Thanks to Skip for his amazing summary and reading of the Gettysburg Address. Thanks to Jim “The Parking Lot Attendant” for parking and crowd control.
 - Scheduled Burials: Barry, Wilkinson/Fieldsend, Dutzmann, Harmon/Landry, Sinclair (moved to August)
- Any Other Business:
 - Conservation: Joyce met with Mark Young the Chairperson of Conservation Commission to review potential Town owned properties as potential consideration for future cemetery addition. Becky Dunham and Lise McNaughton were looking at Town property maps identifying all Town own properties that could potentially be updated to have conservation easements. Joyce stated that Conservation Commission is well aware of the need for an additional Town cemetery in the near future.
 - Planning Board CIP: Joyce prepared the forms to submit to Select Board to document Cemetery future capital improvement projects. The cemetery list includes
 - Paving of all roadways in Tonry Cemetery
 - Construction of 24x24 two stall garage for equipment storage
 - Land acquisition for future new Town cemetery
 - Tuck Cemetery Trees: Joyce got quote from DC Wood. \$300 to remove branch or \$1000 for branch removal and remove two bad trees. Jim made motion and seconded by Dave to approve spending up to \$1300 with DC Wood for removing branch, remove two dead trees, and removal of all other possible dead branches in Tuck Cemetery. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Flags: Joyce spoke to Chief Ventura regarding the use of a custom BPD flag to be used for Memorial Day event instead of the Thin Blue Line Police Support flag. The Chief supports that. Jim asked who pays for the more expensive custom flags and was told the Cemetery Trustees fund it. Jim stated that if the custom flags are much more expensive, then perhaps the BPD would fund a portion of the cost as their budget is much larger than the Cemetery budget. Jim also asked how many complaints had been made regarding the Thin Blue Line Police Support flag and was told roughly five (5).

- Future Planning:
 - Joyce mentioned getting a bench possibly donated by Lowes for use at cemetery. This would be in addition to the bench from the Brentwood plastic drive that is being donated to cemetery.
 - Communication Committee will have a website page for the Cemetery Trustees that will need to be planned/created and updated.
- Next Meeting: Thursday, July 6th if needed

June minutes recorded and submitted by Jim Hajjar.