

Walpole Cemetery Trustees Meeting – September 9, 2017 – 9 am

Present: Dale Woodward, Chair, John Sheldon, Elizabeth Prentiss



August 7, 2017 – All Trustees approved work for Chris Lane in Cem. Sec. B, NW corner to clear brush at a cost of \$350. Doug Jeffrey, owner of the lot, had contacted Dale regarding the overgrowth of brush on his lot. Chris also cleared the adjacent lot of hemlock and brush.

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Budget YTD for 2017 was reviewed. Chris Lane will work on the large oak tree this fall removing branches that are old and rotted. Some of John Clegg's repair work has been completed. Mark Houghton has agreed to work with John on repair of the cross on the large monument. There is one more lawn repair process to be done this fall.

Sister of W. Hewitt contacted Dale. They own two lots, one has been used, but there is no headstone on the lot. Dale located the lots and staked them so that they can install a headstone.

David Jeffrey remains transfer has been completed. In the Drewsville Cemetery, Joe Fennessey wants the exact location of his lots. There are no good maps of the Drewsville Cemetery. John will see if Paul Massicotte can help with this. Dale will meet with Sam Hicks who has questions about his lot.

2018 Budget discussed – Jim and Bev Corey will do cemetery care for another year and will submit their bid. They did not receive an increase in 2017 but will ask for an increase for 2018, perhaps \$100 a month. We will increase tree budget to \$2000 and decrease the headstone repair budget to \$4000. Other budget items will remain the same. Dale will submit the budget as discussed.

Some of headstone budget from 2017 has not been spent. It is possible that John Clegg would fix two stones that are down when he comes back to do the cross on the large monument.

Old Business – Preliminary work on Carpenter Hill has begun but completion is pending. Village Cemetery repairs are completed, unsure about Drewsville. John Sheldon to check on this. EE Houghton will provide mechanical lift as required in the cross repair. Expense will be covered by Cemetery Trust #1.

Planting in the new cemetery is scheduled for September 11. This includes arborvitaes in Section E and maples along the lower road. This expense will be covered by Cemetery Trust #2.

The roundabout seems to cause some trouble for trucks and we might consider removal or changing it for easier access.

Our November meeting is our annual meeting and will be held on November 4 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Prentiss".

Elizabeth Prentiss, Clerk