

Walpole Cemetery Trustees Meeting, June 9, 2018

Present; Dale Woodward, Chair, Linda Edkins, John Sheldon

The trustees met at the Town Hall at 10:00AM. Dale had prepared a list of topics to review.

The estimate for head stone repairs has been received. A couple of stones have only an estimated price. All approved the estimate from John Clegg to repair this years stone list. The total is less than the amount budgeted for this year. There was also a carryover of \$2385.00 from last years budget for stone repairs. Linda made a motion to use the money to straighten as many leaning stones in the Old Cemetery as funds would allow, Dale seconded, all agreed.

The topic of a form for heirs of family plots to give rights to family members to be interned into a family plot. All agreed to table it until the next meeting.

A review was made of this years budget. On goal at this time.

With the budget review, it was discussed that the trustees should come up with a set of guidelines for the care of the cemeteries. At this time, the Corey's are taking great care of them, but they may want to hand the torch to someone else and we should be prepared ahead of time.

Cremations are becoming more popular. Though not detailed in the cemetery by-laws, it's presumed, that cremation burials would follow the same guidelines as for a casket. That would include the notification given to the town of a cremation burial. Linda did some research and found some towns required notification and some did not. In the event that a cremation was done because it is more affordable, would requiring a funeral home to intern the cremains create a hardship? How could accurate records be kept if the town was not notified. The trustees decided to each review the by-laws and come to the next meeting with an outline of what would be in the best interest of the town.

The trustees traveled to the Drewsville cemetery to inspect the south east corner of the fence. There are 2 broken granite posts and the fence has been opened up. John had checked on pricing for new posts, but Dale thought it would fit in better if recycled posts could be located. The search is on. There is a section of fence in the shed that can be used when the posts are located.

Respectfully submitted,
John Sheldon, Clerk