

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

Communications:

Dale has followed up on several calls received with questions regarding lots that have been sold.

Walter and Katherine Evelyn have lots in Sec C. Celia Wendell has contacted the town about burying the daughter's ashes. There are no markers on this lot. Dale has marked the lot. The family can bury ashes, but the town needs to be notified so that we can record.

Wayne Winters contacted the town about transferring his mother's ashes to a lot in section D. (Skofield's in-laws)

Caroliine Scruton contacted the town about assistance with the interment of her husband's ashes. Several people want to be interred in the Gary family lot in the Village Cemetery. Dale met with them. There is room on the lots if they are cremated.

Doug Jeffrey called about having his brother's ashes transferred to Walpole to be buried in his mother's lot, Josephine Jeffrey, Sec C lot 1.

Budget:

Due to the fact that not all of the headstone repair that was planned for 2016 was done, we have a carryover of \$1410. The Carpenter Hill repair that has now been completed was \$600, leaving an available balance from 2016 of \$810. The 2017 budget for repairs is \$4500, plus \$810 from the carryover, so that available funds are \$5310. John Clegg has quoted \$3795 for 16 stones that we earmarked for repair, so this leaves \$1515.00 that can be used in 2017. We approved the quote from John Clegg. Dale has told John Clegg that we would like the repairs done soon because the summer is the busy time for people visiting the cemetery. Dale requested a quote to repair the Alfred Clark stone (cross). The quote is \$1038, and Clegg requested the use of a backhoe to help with this repair—it is a large monument and sits on the side hill. John Sheldon thinks that an escalator might work better in order to reach the monument. Money available in the #1 Trust might be used for this project.

Chris Lane looked at the large oak tree in the old cemetery that appears to be rotting. The tree has leafed out well this spring, but has obvious problems. He recommends waiting till fall and clearing dead limbs at that time. John Sheldon had gotten a quote of \$7500 to remove that tree. Chris has quoted \$750 to clear the fence line around the Drewsville Cemetery. This was approved.

Vermont Hillside has given us a quote for tree planting:

Four maples - \$1627, labor \$1300, \$160 compost & mulch

Nine Arborviae - \$1500 (to be planted in front of the brush, etc. as a visual screen)

Total \$4588.

There is \$1500 in the tree budget and Dale will speak to selectmen about taking remainder from the Cemetery Fund.

Elizabeth Prentiss, Clerk