

Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2007

Meeting came to order at 7:00 P.M. in the front meeting room. Present were Pete Jordan, Donna Mayo, Jeannie Grant, Jim Carll, Don and Dot Drew, Robert Linscott and Selectwoman Tammy Jo Girard.

On the agenda:

1. Robert Linscott e-mail -

Mr. Linscott had sent the cemetery committee members an e-mail requesting support for the Revolutionary War Veteran, James Deshon, buried in the Town Farm Cemetery. The members were informed that the site was completely cleared of all brush and the roots had been poisoned. Mr. Linscott was concerned that this site was not receiving the care that is mandated by civil custom and Maine statutes. He gave the committee until July 4, 2008 to comply or he would have to go to the Town Selectpersons and the State of Maine to ensure compliance. It seems Mr. Linscott was not in receipt of Pete Jordan's e-mails stating that the site had been inspected and that the necessary equipment was being ordered to comply with the Maine Statutes. Jeannie Grant had brought the sign for the Deshon Cemetery, the Levi Thyng Cemetery and the George Thyng Cemetery. Edie Hutchinson prepared a paper for Jeannie Grant, stating where poles and fencing had been purchased in the past. This will be ordered and the Deshon Cemetery fenced in as required. There is some chain in inventory but more will need to be ordered.

2. Thank You Notes for Volunteers -

Pete Jordan has taken on the task of preparing thank you notes and cards to be sent out to the town's volunteers asking for their participation in next years help with the cemeteries. These volunteers will reply as to whether or not they will again take on the responsibility of upkeep for their "adopted" cemetery.

It was also suggested by Robert Linscott at this point that the Sinclair Cemetery be considered for refurbishment next year. The site will need to be re-brushed and poisoned because of overgrowth. Selectwoman Girard asked for GPS coordinates as the town would like to plot the cemeteries as part of their project.

3. NJROTC Refurbishment -

Because of the inclement weather this summer, the NJROTC refurbishment crew got a slow and late start. Porter Cemetery could not be located for

refurbishment and to repair fallen stone. It will be put on next year's refurbishment list.

4.           Ordering Poles –

Edie sent info on how and where to order poles

5. Ordering Headstones and Flag Holders –

Pete Jordan brought to the committee's attention, that a Shapleigh resident, Mr. Ron Riveton, would guide us in the acquisition of Veteran's Headstones. Jim Carll will fill out the application to get the free headstone for James Deshon. Pete Jordan also gave Jim Carll info on getting free flag holders for the Veteran's Headstones.

6.           Employee & Volunteer Recognition BBQ –

Employees and volunteers of the town have been invited to recognition BBQ on September 28, 2007 given by the town. Please try to attend.

7.           Jeannie Grant also brought to the attention of the committee that there are more cemeteries in need of signs. Two that were brought to the attention of the members were the Noah Ricker Cemetery on Middle Road and the Benjamin Warren Cemetery on West Road. Also will know by the next meeting how much money is in the Cemetery Committee account. Pete Jordan will e-mail the town treasurer for that info. It was also stated that it would be seen if Ruth and Chuck could hang the cemetery signs. If not, then it will be a project for next year.

8.           Next months meeting will be October 1, 2007.

Meeting ended at 8:00 P.M.