

BARRE TOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR JULY 25, 2018 MEETING
6:30 P.M., BARRE TOWN MUNICIPAL OFFICE

CALL TO ORDER

Call to order at the town offices at 6:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commission members: Alan Garceau, Norman Coates, Robert Benoit, and Dwight Harrington attended. Carl Rogers, town manager, and sexton Dwight Coffrin also attended.

AGENDA CHANGES - ADDITIONS

Details: none offered.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Garceau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coates, to approve the agenda as presented. With no further discussion, the motion carried on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Coates made a motion, seconded by Mr. Garceau, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2018 meeting as written. With no further discussion, the motion carried on a voice vote.

QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT

None this month.

RECEIVE GUESTS

None this meeting.

SEXTON REPORT

Mr. Coffrin reported the hot weather and lack of rain has limited the amount of mowing and trimming that can be done in the cemeteries. The crew has been removing brush from both Wilson and from Maplewood Cemeteries. They also applied grub and insect eliminator. There have been three sets of cremains interred this month, another is scheduled for July 31st. There have been no lot sales, however, the sale of a lot in Maplewood is pending, the buyer would be Diane Hedding. Upcoming projects to be completed include the trimming of shrubs and hedges, planting a maple tree at the fence corner at Maplewood, and the replacement of a broken drainage pipe at Wilson. The crew will also remove and replant the shrubs at the entrance to Wilson, the work will probably take place in the fall. The town engineer has already notified Dig-Safe and they have marked the area. In the meantime, the crew is cleaning the brush out of the chain link fence at the town offices. Mr. Coffrin ordered two flag pole lights, they arrived today and haven't been unpacked. One light will be placed on the flagpole at Wilson, the other on the flagpole at Maplewood.

APPROVAL OF DEEDS AND MONUMENTS

- A. Deeds: none this meeting.
- B. Niche reservation: none this meeting.
- C. Monuments: none this meeting.
- D. Niche covers: none this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. The adoption of the Maplewood Cemetery schematic maps: Mr. Harrington said the item is on the agenda as a place holder, the schematics could not be approved until the commission adopted the special rules for the 8-ft x 8-ft lots at Maplewood.
- B. Special rules for 8-ft x 8-ft at Maplewood. The discussion by the commission basically focused on the maximum number of 8 sets of cremains per lot and how they would be arranged. Mr. Garceau also asked that it be stated in the rules that no full burials would be allowed in these special lots. Also, the commission would set the price of the special lots based on the price of a conventional two-grave lot, once the commission set the price, the information would be forwarded to the select board for their consideration and approval.

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Mr. Garceau made a motion that there would be a maximum of eight cremains in the special 8-ft x 8-ft lots with no limiting factors on how many would be above ground and how many would be below ground. Also, the motion stated there would be no full burials allowed in these lots. Mr. Benoit seconded the motion and with no further discussions, the motion carried on a voice vote.

Mr. Harrington will revise the rules per the commission's motion and provide a final version of the rules, along with a set of Maplewood Cemetery schematics, for consideration and possible adoption at the next cemetery commission meeting.

- C. 2018 gravestone replacements. Members of the commission, after reviewing the existing gravestones in the cemeteries recommended the following be replaced: Jane L. Carnes, Wilson; Eleanor Morse, Wilson; Eliza Lawson, Maplewood; Bethia Reed Waters, Wilson; and Marcy Dudley, Wilson. The alternate would likely be Albert Dudley, Wilson. Mr. Harrington will review the genealogy for these individuals and come up with the wording for each of the replacement stones. The information will be passed to a gravestone manufacturer who will provide shop drawings to the commission for their approval.
- D. Status of the conflict of interest discussions for Barre Town. Mr. Garceau reported there had been some email confusion, but the first meeting would be held on August 1st. The group would use information provided by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns and from information and a suggested format provided by the Vermont Secretary of State's office.
- E. Fireproof file cabinet for the cemetery office. The town is still searching for a suitable cabinet.

NEW BUSINESS

None this meeting.

AROUND THE TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Garceau said the cemeteries look good despite the hot and dry weather.

Mr. Matt Peake will resume work on the Maplewood iron fence around the 1st of August.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting set for: 22 August 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Place: Room 3, Barre Town Municipal Office, Websterville.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Garceau made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Coates. The motion carried on a voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Alan Garceau, Chairman
by Dwight D. Harrington, recorder