

Town of Nelson Cemetery Board

Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2015

I. Call to order

Elaine Giacomo called to order the regular meeting of the Town of Nelson Cemetery Board at 7:06 pm on May 19, 2015 at the Olivia Rodham Memorial Library.

II. Roll call

Elaine Giacomo conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Elaine Giacomo, D. Judi Lang, and Candyce Fulford. Not attending: Marty French

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Elaine Giacomo read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) Memorial Day Observance details: We will get carnations from Mitchell Lynd at Price Chopper in Keene. Judi will retrieve for us. New flags for the Munsonville Cemetery will be procured and placed. Kathy Blaudschun is in charge of forming the parade and official town observance.

V. New business

- a) The Cemetery Board should review the current burial procedures and revise, if needed. When cemetery plots are purchased, should the corner markers be required? Are the Burial Certificates currently signed by a Cemetery Board member, or another town official? How should the older cemetery paperwork be handled? Shall it be given to and entered into the town archives?
- b) Melanie's Home Solutions has been awarded the contract for the grounds maintenance of our cemeteries. They will clean up and mow the grounds before Memorial Day. Would it be possible for them to also cut back some of the trees and to remove some roots before they destroy the burial plots?
- c) Some goals for the 2015 – 2016 Cemetery Board were discussed:
 - i. The search is on for a fifth Board member.
 - ii. We would like some larger, more substantial stone or cement planters for the entrances to our cemeteries.
 - iii. Is there a perpetual care policy in place?

- iv. Can we also purchase stone or concrete benches to be used for the quiet reflection of visitors?
 - v. Can the dangerous ‘roadway’ that runs through the Munsonville Cemetery be strengthened?
 - vi. What company can we use to get our cemetery plot maps copied and updated?
- d) Randyll P.Cournoyer, Jr has offered to speak to our Board about cemeteries, etc. Shall we accept, perhaps for a date in the fall?
- e) The next meeting of the Cemetery Board will be June 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Olivia Rodham Memorial Library.

VI. Adjournment

Elaine Giacomo adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Candyce Fulford

Approved by: _____	Elaine Giacomo, Chair
_____	D. Judi Lang
_____	Candyce Fulford
_____	Winston “Marty” French