

Town of Nelson, NH
Cemetery Board Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

Call to order

Elaine Giacomo called to order the regular meeting of the Town of Nelson Cemetery Board at 7:04 pm on September 15, 2015 at Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, lower level.

Roll call

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

Town Clerk Julia Lennon joined us at 7:27 pm

Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the last meeting were lost due to a crash of the Board Secretary's computer. No minutes were approved. Elaine will look to see if she has any notes from the meeting.

Open issues

1. Richard Hardy cemetery bench update:
 - a. Elaine: the issue is back in the Hardy court. He has our approval to place a bench in the Nelson Cemetery #. He needs to get in touch with Marty concerning placement of the bench
2. Update on burials:
 - a. Elaine: Joan Gerbis to be buried this weekend.
 - b. Elaine: Big ditch behind Elsie's grave. We will try to get Bud to repair the ditch.
 - c. Elaine: This cemetery holds water too much. The area seems to be all clay. We need to put drainpipes or something in here to enable the water to drain away. Shall we talk to Phil Hamilton about his job? This will be a Capital Expense for which we will need to write a Warrant Article for the next Town Meeting.
3. Cemetery maintenance update:
 - a. Judi and Elaine: We need to get the cemeteries resurveyed. The records are very scattered and incomplete as they stand.
 - i. Resurvey Cemetery #1
 - ii. Survey Cemetery #2
 - iii. Survey and lay out Cemetery #3
 - b. There are 24 headstones that need fixing. Candyce should research them after Elaine gets a list typed up. Perhaps we can find some living relative to contact.
 - c. Descoteaux's grave has sunk. This is the responsibility of the contract between the family and the gravedigger. Query: at what point is this no longer the responsibility of the gravedigger?
4. Elaine will contact Bud tomorrow concerning Item c.
5. Julia brought a copy of the current Cemetery Deed and a Contact Form.
6. Working with other cemetery boards – Judi
 - a. Leslie Downing is the Chair over in Harrisville. This Board is interested in learning more about how things are done and the sharing of information. We should also include the towns of Stoddard and Harrisville and Sullivan.

7. Database update – Candyce demonstrated the Maintenance program for Julia and Judi.
8. Closer coordination with Town Clerk – We have decided to meet with Julia to learn how to coordinate duties and responsibilities.
9. Harry Flanagan’s name has been submitted to the Selectman for their approval. He has agreed to become our fifth Board Member.
10. Judi has met with Troy Tucker concerning the iron ring and chain at the Munsonville Cemetery.
11. The neighbors of the Nelson Cemetery have mentioned that we should have the grass mowed outside the cemetery to include the ‘triangle’.

Adjournment

Elaine Giacomo adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm.

The next Cemetery Board meeting will be on October 20, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Candyce Fulford, Secretary

Minutes approved by:

_____ Elaine Giacomo, Board Chair

_____ Candyce Fulford, Secretary

_____ D. Judi Lang, Board Member

_____ Marty French, Board Member

_____ Harry Flanagan, Board Member, pending swearing-in