

**Minutes of Meeting
Nelson Cemetery Board
Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 6:00 PM**

Members Present: Linda Cates, Harry Flanagan, Elaine Giacomo, Al Stoops

The January minutes were approved and signed by the Board members present.

Harry, Linda and Al were reelected/elected to the Cemetery Board in March. Al was sworn in by Julia after Town Meeting. The meeting was adjourned for a few minutes while Harry and Linda went to the town offices and were sworn in by Julia.

We reviewed and approved a proposal from Pathways Landscaping for \$7,800 to do the mowing and landscape maintenance in the Nelson cemeteries this season.

Harry has not yet been in touch with Peterborough Granite, but will do it next week. Elaine reminded him that the town approved \$7,500 for repairs this year. Harry will tell Peterborough Granite to let us know if they cannot do the job this year.

We need to revise the bylaws and will try to review them at the next meeting. Elaine will email a copy of the bylaws to each of us. Please send your comments to Linda who will compile the comments and present revised bylaws at the next meeting. Elaine reminded us that 1) we need to remove references to the Sexton since we don't have one and 2) we want to remove the requirement for a crypt for cremains.

Harry said that Phil and Jeremy Hamilton are still interested in doing the drainage work in Cemetery Two. Elaine is going to check with the select board to see if Mike Tarr and Nick Barrett might be able to do this. She will get back to Harry with the answer so that he will know whether to follow up with Phil Hamilton or not. She will also check to see if Mike and Nick can put down the pea gravel to reinstate the roadway that used to exist in Cemetery 2.

We will clean headstones on either Saturday, June 15 or the afternoon of Sunday, June 16, depending on the weather. Elaine has a sprayer and 4 gallons of cleaner. We will need to bring water and brushes. We will try to get an abutting neighbor to let us use their hose for water.

Elaine brought the 1999 papers from surveyor, Thomas Flavin, showing possible layouts for the new cemetery. After the meeting Al and Linda went upstairs and made copies for everyone. We will discuss this next month. Al will talk to Betsey Street about her abutting land; perhaps a gift or a trade can be arranged. We talked about doing the new cemetery in stages so that haying on the unused portion can continue. We have still not found the boundary markers for the new cemetery; Al will keep looking.

Elaine reported that there are three spaces available in the Munsonville Cemetery out of the six that Elaine Andrews offered for sale; there are about 18 remaining in Nelson Cemetery 2.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 PM in the lower level of the Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Cates