

Minutes of Meeting Nelson Cemetery Board Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 6:00 PM

Members Present: Harry Flanagan, Linda Cates, Elaine Giacomo

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Minutes of the July meeting were approved and signed by all three Board Members. Elaine will inquire if the signatures of all members is necessary. There was not a quorum for the September meeting.

Elaine reported that three of the six Strout plots for private sale in the Munsonville Cemetery have been sold. Julia will make out the deeds and the records will be recorded in Julia's book. The Munsonville Cemetery has been closed for sales for 15 years until Elaine Andrews inquired about selling her grandfather's available plots.

Elaine mentioned and we discussed the need for special cemetery software. Elaine and Julia have copies of the program that Candyce Fulford designed for the cemeteries, but it is incomplete, and neither Elaine nor Julia have more than a nodding familiarity with it. It is still helpful, but the professional software would include all the cemeteries as well as the location of each plot. The board will discuss the matter further at the November meeting.

Peterborough Marble & Granite was contracted to repair some fallen and cracked headstones this year, but we don't know if anything has been done. Elaine will inquire.

Elaine reported that there are only about 20 plots available for sale in the old and new cemeteries. There were three different plans developed for the newest cemetery, which is located across the road from the two Nelson cemeteries. At the next meeting we will examine all three and pick one. The four corner pins are set and have been marked, but we will need to locate them. Elaine will ask Bud French if he has seen them while haying the field. Elaine and Harry will meet on Thursday to walk the newest cemetery to see if they can find the corner markers.

Harry reported that he will follow-up with Phil Hamilton in an effort to get a quote for the road in the new cemetery. He has not yet provided us with a price quote, so we need to know if he wants the job, and when he plans to do it. Until we find out, Harry and Elaine will hold off marking the borders for the road.

Elaine will speak to Edie about coordinating with the Town regarding limb removal in all cemeteries while the tree company is already doing work in town.

Munsonville still needs a new sign. Elaine will call Keene Signworks for a quote. Funds can come from the Munsonville Cemetery trust fund.

Michael Shawver does the maintenance for all three cemeteries and does a good job.

Elaine raised the topic of our current requirements for a concrete urn for cremains and wondered if that is overkill. We decided to find out what other cemeteries do by getting copies of their rules. Elaine will contact Stoddard, Harry will contact Sullivan and Linda will contact Harrisville. The question came up after Elaine's email communication with Pamela Tolman regarding the interment of Ethan and Pamela Tolman's oldest son.

Regarding headstone cleaning - we missed our window of opportunity this year. We will reschedule for spring.

Elaine reported that she noticed in the Harrisville Annual Report their Cemetery Board includes a list of those interred during the year. We all liked that idea and will do that this year.

Linda expressed the importance of finding a fifth member for the Board. After some discussion, we asked Al Stoops if he would be interested. He said he would, and the Board voted to put his name forward to the Selectmen to fill the opening. Elaine offered to contact Edith Drinkwater to request that the nomination be forwarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm. Subsequent meetings will be held in the basement of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Giacomo