

**Minutes of Meeting
Nelson Cemetery Board
July 18, 2017**

The meeting began at 7:05 pm

Members present: Harry Flanagan, Elaine Giacomo, Sarah Wilson
Not Present: Marty French, Candyce Fulford

Sarah Wilson offered to take the minutes of the meeting in the absence of Candyce Fulford.

May Minutes update regarding the flags:

We have 100 flags, 35 medallions, and 36 metal rods to replace/update existing medallions and rods. The minutes were amended to reflect this update. The members present voted to accept the amended minutes.

Committee Membership Update: Candyce Fulford sent an email to the committee today (July 18) indicating that she will be resigning from the committee. She intends to complete the Cemetery Census Program. Current members will try to find a new member to be appointed to the committee until town elections this coming March 2018.

Cemetery Maintenance: Elaine asked Michael Shawver to survey Cemetery 1 & 2 for dead limbs in danger of falling. He found 40. Elaine will ask Frank Stuckey to provide an estimate for removing the dead limbs. (Anything Under the Sun is the name of his business). If the estimate is under \$3,000 we can secure him. If it is over \$3,000 we will have to put the project out to bid.

Cleaning Headstones: On June 3rd some members of the committee started cleaning the headstones in Cemetery 1 with the special gravestone cleaning solution. The next date for cleaning is Saturday, August 5 from 10:00 am to 12 noon. Wear old clothes and bring: a plastic scraper, work gloves, a bucket, nylon scrub brush, toothbrush, and a couple gallons of water,

Headstone Repair Update: John Kaufhold from Peterborough Marble and Granite Works is doing the repairs (under contract).

Drainage Issue: The back part of Cemetery 2 is clay and is sliding down the hill. Harry will check with Phil Hamilton to see what his quote was to do some drainage work to ease the problem and report back to the committee.

Cemetery 2 Road: Sometime around Memorial Day two large stones and some markers were placed near the inside of the entry way to Cemetery 2 by someone not connected with the cemetery board (or the select board) -- presumably to keep people from driving on the family plots in that area. The cemetery map shows a road that curves to the side of that area. The area vehicles are driving on now matches up with the planned road location.

Harry will meet with Phil Hamilton at the cemetery (with the cemetery map) and request a quote on laying pea gravel to re-establish the proper location of the road as per the cemetery map.

Plot adjustment request: Mike Stewart has a plot in Cemetery 2. He called Elaine to request an adjustment to his plot so it can accommodate 4 graves. Elaine surveyed the area in the cemetery to consider his request. Based on that survey, and checking the map she believes there is enough room

for an adjustment of his plot boundary to accommodate this request. Mike will pay the difference for the increased plot boundary. The committee members present agreed to his request.

Interments: An Interment is planned for this coming Saturday (cremated remains). Elaine will contact Marty French to mark off the four corners of the plot.

Packets to hand out to those who purchase plots or at burial time. Harry and Sarah will work together to create 20 packets.

The meeting ended at 8:02 pm. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Wilson for the Nelson Cemetery Committee