

CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

FOR JULY 17, 2020 MEETING

Meeting outdoors in Alden Street Cemetery.

Present: Michael Harpie, Lynne Martin, Dawn Walsh, Sharon Bunn, Chris Brooke.

Absent: Michael Chute

Guests: Jason Brown, Cynthia Gilman

- One Cemetery Plot Sale Approved
- Minutes from previous meeting approved
- Acknowledgement of noticeable improvement of ongoing Cemetery Maintenance by Brian Cowing and DPW. More discussion at our next meeting.
- Cemetery Finances – no significant change
- Discussion about whether to make alterations to Cemetery Rule Changes regarding Green Burials/Pricing/etc. will be continued in next meeting with Brian Cowing. Some issues seem to have resolved themselves.
- Jason Brown prepared and proposed much interest in beginning to clean gravestones in the Winthrop Street Cemetery along with potentially soliciting donations to our Gift Fund. The Commission enthusiastically voted to spend up to \$200.00 for materials and chemicals (D-2) for Jason to purchase to begin the process. Jason has very generously volunteered to provide the labor. This will hopefully lead to a significant ongoing effort to keep the headstones maintained and may eventually pay for itself, with the possibility of including additional trained volunteers. Thank you, Jason.
- Next meeting will include Jim Keefe from Gately Funeral Home and Brian Cowing, Cemetery Supervisor to conclude discussions related to Green Burials so we can determine a start date. Meeting Date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by

Michael P. Harpie, Chair