

Londonderry Cemetery Commission
DRAFT minutes for May 3, 2018 meeting

Attending: Danny Cobb, Chair, Gary Barton, Maureen Cronin, Laurie Krooss Mullen
Absent: Melvin Twitchell
Guests: Duane and Melissa Hart

Commission Members and guests gathered at the Town Offices at 4:00 PM for the annual spring tour of the Cemeteries. Upon completion of the tour a short meeting was held in the Town Offices.

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM by Chairman Danny Cobb.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Maureen Cronin moved and Gary Barton seconded that the minutes of last meeting, April 12th, be accepted as written. *Motion passed.*

There were no bills or invoices to be reviewed. There were no announcements or correspondence. There were no visitors or concerned citizens.

Maintenance of cemeteries:

Danny Cobb commented that the cemeteries are in excellent shape thanks to Duane and Melissa Hart's hard work this spring. Maureen Cronin moved and Laurie Krooss Mullen seconded that the Commission will hire Duane Hart to fix headstones that need repair in each cemetery (see below in notes on each cemetery). The stone repair will be worked on over the course of the season as time allows. *Motion passed.* Duane will take before and after photos as a record of his work and share these with the Commission. Copies of the photos will be printed out and kept in a file in the Town Offices as a historical record.

[The notes that are below for each cemetery were taken as each cemetery was toured].

GLEBEVIEW:

Some of the head stones are tilted. Duane will do adjusting/fixing. This may involve digging down and adding cement to the base if necessary.

In the middle of June Laurie and Maureen will meet and tour Glebeview and replace the rods (as needed) on the Veteran's markers.

COLLINS:

Sylvia Gibson stone needs attention. Duane will work on this.

MIDDLETOWN:

The brush right against the stone wall needs to be cleared. Gary will contact one boundary owner re: permission, Danny Cobb will contact caretaker of the other property (back boundary line) for permission.

BROOKS:

Amos Woods stone is tilted. Duane to work on as he can.

RIVERSIDE:

Danny will contact Matt Mosher regarding the big tree in the middle of the cemetery. Matt will be asked to trim some dead branches and possibly cable the top (it is beginning to split).

RESTHAVEN:

Matt Mosher will be asked to look at the big clump of trees in the back corner of the cemetery and advise. Duane will fix the two big holes in the back corner of the cemetery and re-set a number of stones.

LOWELL LAKE:

Cleaning needs to be completed: a 10 foot swath all around the current fence area. Once the clearing/cleaning has been done a meeting will take place with the Ranger to ask about leveling the fence line to make it easier to put in the split rail. The old fence will come out as the new fence goes up.

The were no sales of cemetery plots.

Old business:

Maureen reported that while attending the Vermont Cemetery Association (VCA) meeting in Montpelier yesterday (Duane and Danny also attended) she learned that there are additional resources for putting cemetery information on-line in addition to the NEMRC program (which Maureen has investigated previously). She will be working with a group that she connected with at the VCA conference to learn more about these other options and the state may also have some input/suggestions.

New business:

Danny, Maureen and Duane reported about the VCA conference. At Danny's suggestion the Commission agreed to re-join the Vermont Old Cemeteries Association. In addition to reporting in on NEMRC they also reported on 'Green burials'. Additionally, there was some discussion about 'private cemeteries.'

Elections were then held. Danny Cobb was unanimously elected as chair, Laurie Krooss Mullen as secretary. Maureen Cronin will continue to handle the sale of cemetery plots.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH AT 7:00 PM at the Town Offices.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Krooss Mullen