

## Londonderry Cemetery Commission

### **Corrected and APPROVED** MINUTES FOR THURSDAY MAY 4, 2017

Present: Danny Cobb, Chair, Gary Barton, Maureen Cronin, Laurie Krooss Mullen,  
Melvin Twitchell

Guests: Duane Hart & Paul Gordon

Danny Cobb, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Additions or deletions to the agenda.** None.

**Minutes of last meeting** March 9, 2017. Gary moved, Melvin seconded that we approve the minutes. All voted in favor of approving the minutes.

**Bills/invoices.** Mahar costs for all work done last year was \$1550. This has been approved for payment. Williams fence has been paid also. \$3,500. (A little more work still needs to be done in Glebeview).

**Announcements / correspondence.** None.

**Visitors and concerned citizens.** Paul Gordon here as Select Board Chair. Paul thanked the Commission for their hard work and dedication to the Town. He mentioned that the Town has an e-mail alert system (that was used to share news about the two attacks of a rabid fox this past week-end). Paul mentioned that the Select Board will be investigating 'Vermont Alert' and encouraging all residents of the Town to sign up for emergency notification. Paul also spoke appreciatively about the loan to the Town from the Cemetery Commission Funds.

Danny spoke about the need for new signs at all the Cemeteries. Laurie moved, and Gary seconded that we ask Paul Gordon to make new signs for all the cemeteries. The signs are to be wood. Passed unanimously. Paul stated that he thinks this will take a couple of months at most.

#### **Maintenance of cemeteries**

*Glebeview Cemetery:* Finish the fill and topsoil behind stonewall (to be done when it isn't so wet), asked Duane to straighten the headstones that have tipped a bit and add the corner stones for Steven Brown's lots.

Duane reports that they just started straightening stones and mowing. Quite a few 'top thirds' have moved.

Danny states that during the walk-around the cemeteries look the best that they have looked after a winter.

*Collins Cemetery:* Duane will fix a section of the wall and straighten a couple of headstones.

*Middletown Cemetery:* If Mahar comes back to repair stones there is one slate stone “son of Dr. Martin” that has split.

*Brooks Cemetery:* reset Amos Woods’ stone and fill in the stump hole.

*Riverside Cemetery:* Duane will straighten a couple of headstones. Gary has checked with Bob Forbes about a grave that needs a headstone (Schnell). No relation to Forbes’. Melissa will investigate this to see if there is family.

*Resthaven Cemetery:* We will contact Mahar about finishing up the resetting of the headstones.

*Lowell Lake Cemetery:* continue the research and hopefully installation of a split rail fence. If permission is given we will clear on the rear side of the fence 10-20 feet as allowed.

Duane Hart reported that the cost for a cremation burial is now \$125 and for a ‘full’ burial (casket) the cost is \$500.

*(from April 20th meeting):* After discussion concerning the setting of headstone foundations and the actual headstones, the commission has voted not to allow individuals to set their own foundations or headstones due to liability insurance requirements.

**Sale of cemetery plots.** Maureen sold four plots yesterday to the Rockwell family. Danny met with Linda and Jim Ameden re: Ken Ameden’s burial and stone.

**Old business.** The new town filing cabinets are now here. Maureen keeps reminding folks in the Town Office that the Cemetery Commission gets space in the new filing cabinets. Maureen is working on a project regarding the history of all town roads. Whenever she comes across something to do with the Cemeteries she sticks it in a file.

**New business.** Danny has met with Matt Mosher regarding the big maple in Glebe view. It needs to come down. A new tree will be planted in the spot once the stump is ground (in about a year). Melvin moves and Laurie seconds that we have Matt Mosher take the tree down and grind the stump (when appropriate to do). Motion passes.

Danny brought up that Duane and Melissa’s contract will be coming up for renewal in March 2018. The Commission discussed.

Laurie is to order 12 new grave markers to see if we like the style and quality. They are expensive (\$50 each). We hope the brass rods will make them last longer.

Adjournment at 8:20 PM.

**Next meeting will be on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Laurie Krooss Mullen*