

Cemetery Trustees Meeting
July 9th, 2019

Minutes from the public session of the Hampton Cemetery Trustees meeting on Tuesday July 9th, 2019

PRESENT: Mary Blackwell, Chairman
Maryrae Preston, Trustee
Susan Erwin, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Brian Chevalier, Superintendent
James Hunt
Stacy Noyes
Rep. Mike Edgar.

At 6:03 PM, the Cemetery Trustees convened a duly noticed public session in the office of the High Street Cemetery. Motioned by Chairman Blackwell, Seconded by Trustee Preston unanimously voted 3-0-0.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Trustee Preston to accept the public minutes from the Tuesday May 7th, 2019 Seconded by Chairman Blackwell, unanimously voted 3-0-0.

II. REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Brian Chevalier.

Ongoing maintenance not much going on since the last meeting, going forward Brian has gotten some quotes as requested at last meeting for new building, this information was provided to trustees and is on file. Brian would like to meet with the town manager this week to go over the quotes in order to work on the verbiage for the warrant articles that will be required at the March vote. The new building will be approximately 48 X 30 and the tractors will be housed for winter as well as other equipment. IE cold storage insulated with electricity no water. The men will be able to work on the equipment inside the building. This warrant article will be written with no cost to the town using cemetery funds. Brian suggested the trustees view the building in North Hampton Cemetery for the visual. Question proposed by the Chairman, when would this construction take place? potentially in the May of 2020, if approved. Also Brian priced a fence for Ring Swamp (cemetery by the Winnacunnet High School) a gate 12ft chain link for access so the workers can take a truck into the cemetery \$1800. Proposed additional quotes to come. Will research other prices. Warrant article needed for this also.

Trees will be worked on the end of July from monies from last years warrant article. \$50,000 was approved and he will charge \$5,000 a day. Last year they took down trees and did a great job. Knowles trees has requested one of the members of the cemetery crew be here for after hours to close roads they are working on for pedestrian traffic if there is a funeral, then Knowles will shut down for the time need for the respect of the family.

Brian also got a quote for a price for another new road adjacent to the road that was done last year. Quote same contractor spring of 2018 400ft. long 12ft wide proposed. \$14,500. 150ft longer than last road. Continuing to expand section I of the cemetery. Continued discussion about folks not following the rules and putting things on graves that are not allowed. The workers will be picking up items not allowed. Discussion of issues of flowers disappearing from

graves. A cemetery worker caught a women and asked her to replace them after she had put the pots in her car. She replaced them after being asked. Police were called. Police came. Women had left. Brian has the plate number for her car. Concerns on the brass plaques for the veterans being stolen not proved suspected. Thoughts are folks are moving them to other grave sites in cemetery. It is hard to catch some.

Brian suggested we meet next in September and not in August.

A motion was made by Chairman Blackwell to cancel the August meeting. Seconded by Trustee Blackwell voted unanimous 3-0-0.

Brian suggests a gradual increase in funds required for the budget but a double increase in repairs and maintenance. Was \$3,000. Equipment looks good now but anything can happen and it would be good to have the funds available. General maintenance fund is broad from fertilizer to stone repair.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Blackwell suggested cameras in regards to catching folks violating the cemetery. Discussion back and forth on purpose, on hold for now. Brian suggests getting more funds to hire more folks for next season.

IV. OLD BUSINESS NONE

V. CLOSING COMMENTS

Brian has concerns on help, he needs more bodies to maintain all of the cemeteries.

Chairman continues to work on the budget.

Superintendent continues to research pricing for various warrant article projects to present to the Trustees at future meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM made by Chairman Blackwell, Seconded by Trustee Erwin unanimously voted 3-0-0.

Mary Blackwell, Chairman