

Groton Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Minutes June 29, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

Deborah Jurist, Aaron Smith, Tom Gandin and Brent Smith in attendance.

The agenda was amended to include discussion of maintenance of the Cemetery Trash Cans and the burial of cremation urns and the process for replacing broken and fallen stones.

Stones to be cleaned in 2015:

We will continue to move east from the “dip” in front of the vault. Tom will follow up with the Treasurer about his payment for work done in 2014.

Burial Certificates:

Four were completed.

Cornerstones for 2015:

There are 2 sets of corner stones to be put in. The lots and plots were identified. Aaron will put them in this season. Deborah will remind Linda that she needs to specifically ask andins to put the lot and plot number on one of the markers when they are ordered.

Flags:

There had been requests for 5 new flag holders and flags to be put in by veterans' graves. The Commissioners went to the cemetery and put them all in. Garth Page, Wesson Jones, Ernest Cilley, Cliff Darling, and Grover Smith.

Cemetery Walk next October:

Some suggestions were made of interesting monuments to include on the walk. Carters, who made their own stones and were kind of unusual, always seen together and referring to themselves as the Carter brothers. They were known to wear long winter trench coats even during the summer. When the first one passed the remaining brother called Rickers to say, “This is the Carter brothers, one of us is dead”

IM Ricker: biggest monument in the cemetery

Look for monuments made from Groton granite

Hosmer Brothers Stone sheds

Look for the monuments of people for whom roads were named

Trash Cans:

It was decided not to do away with the trash cans, because people will then be more inclined to throw their trash over the edge of the cemetery. However, the trash cans are full of water and debris. It was decided that Deborah will call Donald Bliss and see if he will empty them. Then Aaron will redo the holes in the bottoms of the cans and make the holes bigger. Perhaps, we will arrange to have Donald empty them on a regular basis.

Cremation Urn burial:

A motion was made to update the rules for 2016 to include the phrase, “All cremation urns must be buried”

Replacement of broken and fallen monuments:

There was discussion of when would be the best time to have the marble stones we purchased lettered. It was decided that winter is the best time. Deborah will send a reminder to Tom, in November, to bring in the marble stones for lettering in February. He will determine whether the stones could be set up as grass markers to make the installation more practical. Deborah will also remind him in February to letter the stones. The possibility of allotting some money in the budget to get this done was also discussed for the 2016 budget.

This was moved and seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:0 pm.