

Minutes of
Tamworth Trustees of Cemeteries
5 PM June 24, 2014
At Cook Memorial Library

Members Present: Mark Albee, John Wheeler and John Roberts

Also present: Audrey Berry and David Bowles

- 1) Ms. Berry came in to request the replacement of the lilacs that were cut last year near her family's lot in Riverside Cemetery. She said the lilacs were planted close to 70 years ago in memory of her brother and she was very upset to find them removed. We explained that we had directed the removal as they were so out of control and spread to a very large area. We were not aware of the fact that they were in memory of somebody. We decided to meet with her at the site at the beginning of our next meeting.
- 2) David Bowles reported some of the Veterans had attended the last Selectmen's meeting requesting approval for installation of the water line from the river to UUFES through the road right of way. John R reported the Selectmen agreed to work on an approval form for such, but the Trustees were not interested in taking on any future maintenance responsibility in case of a break or theft of the pump.
- 3) Minutes of the 5/20/14 meetings were approved.
- 4) The sale of lot F15 in Coville East to Kent and Betty Schneider was approved.
- 5) John W reported he had received copies of death certificates from somebody for her parents buried in the Chocorua cemetery, as a result of a call from her concerning requirements for burial of cremains. We decided that it is good to get as much information as possible for all lots for insertion in the Pontem software.
- 6) John W reported that he had tried to get into the Pontem software, but encountered a problem which he is working with the library to resolve.
- 7) Cemetery maintenance contracts: John R has received some complaints concerning the maintenance of the cemeteries maintained by Tracie. Mark has been working with her to resolve issues and will continue to make sure she lives up to the contract.
- 8) Capital Improvement Plan: John W received a request for an update of our CIP requirements. Since John R has volunteered to repair – remove the black top and replace with gravel – the east portion of the Chocorua access road, we decided we should withdraw the request for \$20,000 for 2016.
- 9) Rules and regulations for the cemeteries: A draft of R&R prepared by John W after input from the other members was discussed and revised. Much of the detail was removed with the intent that the fewer regulations the better and that we should be able to work to solve any individual problems when they arise, rather than trying to cover every possible future issue. John W will revise according to the review and send it out before the next meeting.
- 10) The following areas were designated as being reserved for Green Burials: Chocorua Cemetery, East Coville Section: Rows 23 through 32 in sections O through Q, and Ordination Rock Cemetery: Rows 54 through 72 in sections C through M
- 11) The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2014 at 5 PM, starting at the Riverside Cemetery and then to continue at the Town House.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Wheeler

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