

Minutes of
Tamworth Trustees of Cemeteries
4:00 PM October 25, 2016
At Town Office

Members Present: Mark Albee, John Roberts, and John Wheeler

Also present: Tony Eldridge

- 1) RFP's for cemetery maintenance from T. Eldridge for contract 3, J&S Masonry for contracts 1 and 2, and from Divided Sky for contracts 2 and 3 were opened and reviewed. After discussion, it was decided that John would do a spread sheet of the results and using Tony's estimates of \$1000 to \$1400 dollars spent for prior years for spring and fall cleanup at \$20/hr to determine what the total contract 3 costs might be. The meeting was later continued to 5 PM at the Library on November 2 to further discuss the proposals.
- 2) The minutes of 9/13/16 meeting was approved.
- 3) John W had been contacted by the Chocorua Lake Conservancy concerning the Head/Neally cemetery on Washington Hill Rd. CLC owns the land surrounding the cemetery (and maybe the cemetery itself). There is one tall pine tree outside the stone wall, which leans over the cemetery and would damage a number of monuments if it fell in that direction. John W indicated that he told John Watkins of CLC that he felt CLC would be responsible for the removal of the tree. The trustees are not interested at this time in paying for the removal of a distant potential problem.
- 4) John W provided copies of a document from Claude Wintner concerning his family's plot in the Fowlers Mills cemetery. John had met with Claude and confirmed that the document appears to confirm what exists on the ground and on the current plans.
- 5) Mark took correspondence between John W and Joyce Wasson Carter re her desire to have additional space in Riverside next to her relatives. He will contact her and follow up.
- 6) Deed for Karl and Nancy Devon was reviewed. When it is revised to plots F-3 and F-4 in Ordination Rock, it will be signed.
- 7) The current expenditures were reviewed and requests for 2017 were decided upon. Possible projects for 2017 include repairing the gate post on Hollow Hill Rd and the fence for Chapman Cemetery in Rt. 16 in Chocorua Village.
- 8) Pease brush clearing has been done. Some work may remain in Chocorua. Mark will check. A sketch of the Pease addition by Paul King was discussed. We feel the long side of the triangle should be indicated to be along the slope of the hill as described in the deed and plan, not a straight line between the two corners.
- 9) The monument repair session at Riverside Cemetery October 1 was successful. Carl Nydegger worked with Mark and took home a stone to be repaired and he has since replaced it. There are now no more toppled stones, but there are leaning ones.
- 10) The petition article for the setting aside of lot purchase funds for cemetery improvement/maintenance projects, has been at the Other Store. John W picked it up with 30 plus signatures and gave it to John R to submit to the Selectmen.
- 11) At 6:05 the meeting was continued to Wednesday November 2 at 5 PM at Cook Library.
- 12) At the continuation of the meeting on November 2, with Roberts and Wheeler present, the results of the cemetery maintenance bids were reviewed showing that Divided Sky's proposal was the lowest one, the Trustees **voted** to award Divided Sky Contracts two (Ordination Rock and Town Pound, Riverside and Veterans Memorial) and three (Outlying non-active cemeteries). They also **voted** to award contract one (Chocorua, Fowlers Mill, and Wonalancet) to J&S Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Wheeler