

Granville Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes  
November 6, 2017

**APPROVED**

In attendance:

Mark Belisle and Cheryl L. Sargeant, Cemetery Commissioners

Public: Mary Falcon, Shawn & Marilyn Dougherty and Jackie & Gene Hammond

Call to Order: 1:05 p.m.

**Public Communication:**

- Marilyn addressed the Status Hearing for the Access Suit between the Town and the Dougherty's and Hammond's which was held on November 1, 2017 indicating that the Judge ordered negotiations between the parties. The Judge would also like to have the Cemetery Commission invited to participate although they are not a part of the suit. The parties were directed to take their issue to the Cemetery Commission that is why they were attending today's meeting.
- Appointment of a Cemetery Commissioner until the next Annual Town Meeting to be held in 2018. Shawn and Marilyn Dougherty expressed interest in being appointed as well as Mary Falcon. After much discussion and to prevent the appearance of a conflict of interest; Mark made the motion to appoint Mary Falcon until the next Town Meeting and Cheryl seconded the motion. All those in favor none opposed.

**Old Business:**

- Access to the Elmwood Cemetery Extension on VT Route 100. Cheryl indicated that there are 3 possible options to access the Extension; the first being the current 12' wide road through the middle of the cemetery which if used vehicles, are actually driving on head stones and it runs into grave sites; the second option, the "Swale" the option chosen by the Commission at its May 2017 meeting would give a better area to enter and exit with an area to turn around; and the third, through the FairPoint Communications' easement. After much discussion; Mark moved to give Cheryl permission to contact Vtrans to set up a site visit before applying for the access permit and notify the other members when that would be. Then if determined gave Cheryl permission to spend the money for the application; Mary seconded the motion. All in favor none opposed.

- Cemetery Mapping for the 3 cemeteries. Richard Lee has updated the Elmwood Cemetery map so that the Commission's map and the Town Clerk's map are the same. The 2 remaining cemeteries need to be mapped and Rick and Cheryl met on October 17<sup>th</sup> to begin the mapping of the North Hollow Cemetery on Maston Hill Road. After much discussion it was decided to look into electronic means to easily update the maps and records. Cheryl will look into having community members assist and Marilyn offered to look into mapping programs and grants through the Vermont Cemetery Association.
- The flags and flag pole at Elmwood Cemetery must be replaced; the flags are worn and the flag pole was damaged during the heavy wind storm on October 29-30. Gene offered their flag pole if it can be used by the Commission. It was also suggested that the Commission look into illuminating the flags at night with a solar light. Mark will look into the flag pole situation and between now and May 1<sup>st</sup> will purchase a new flag pole (if needed), solar light and flags so that the cemetery will be open and ready by Memorial Day 2018.

**New Business:**

- Projects moving forward; fence repair and/or replacement at the South Hollow Cemetery on North Hollow Road. Mary and Mark suggested asking the iron guy in Rochester to take a look at it.
- North Hollow and Elmwood Cemeteries need top soil to fill in where the ground is sloping over grave sites.

Mary made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:25p.m. And Cheryl seconded. All in favor none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Belisle 2018

Mary Falcon 2018

Cheryl L. Sargeant 2020

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