

Granville Cemetery Commission
Minutes
January 3, 2020
Granville Town Clerk Office

Call to order: 6 pm. In attendance: Commissioners Mark Belisle, Cheryl Sargeant, Kate Stauss.
Public: Shawn and Marilyn Dougherty, Jim Dague.

I. Public Communication and Comments

A. Marilyn brought three issues to the board's attention:

- The screening of the Fairpoint box as prescribed the 2009 lease, a concern which she had previously raised at the May 9, 2019 meeting. This lease does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Cemetery Commission.
- There is a woodchuck digging large holes on the south side of the Elmwood Cemetery, Cheryl and Mark acknowledged that this is a persistent nuisance which is addressed annually.
- A suggestion that if trees needed removing in the cemeteries that Norm Arsenault, town tree warden, might be able to include those removals in his budget.

B. Letter from Peter and Julie Parker, which is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Kate will draft a response to include the following information:

- We are grateful for their offer of help in terms of getting grants. Once we have determined the scope of work we will decide whether we need to pursue.
- Cheryl will contact Norm Arsenault to ask him to evaluate the necessity of the removal of either or both trees designated by the Parkers and determine the urgency of the situation.
- Cheryl will also contact VOCA to see if they can direct us to a qualified ironworker to evaluate the gate and fence and give us an estimate on the cost of its repair.

C. Jim Dague inquired what the pricing is for a plot in the cemetery. Cheryl provided the information (3 sizes at \$160, \$275 and \$475). Kate will look into the pricing information from other towns and check whether they have endowments to assist in perpetual care and upkeep.

II. Old Business

A. Storm damage and tree removal. Annual maintenance continues to be done by Steve Twitchell. Cheryl is concerned that the brush pile has become unsightly. Mark will check to see if Steve can burn it.

B. Updating cemetery maps.

- We are up to date on both the South and North Hollow cemeteries.
- Cheryl has printed off the "Find a Grave" website's comprehensive information on the South Hollow Cemetery so that it can be kept in a binder in the Town Clerk's

office. Kate suggested that the information might also be linked on the Town website.

- The northwest corner of the Elmwood cemetery still needs updating.

III. New Business

- A. Cemetery Commissioners' Annual Report. Cheryl provided a draft which was amended. Kate will submit to the Town Clerk for inclusion in the Town Report.
- B. Warning Article. Before submitting an article asking the town for money, we will research actual amounts needed for tree removal and fencing repair.
- C. Cheryl will investigate the terms that allow dispersal of the monies from Accounts 903 and 904.

IV. Adjournment. 6:50 pm. Cheryl moved; Mark seconded; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Stauss
Secretary