

Cemetery Committee Meeting

April 12, 2010

Present: Lynne Priest, Kenneth Hamilton, Dick Calder, Dianne Calder, Deb Bowman

Review of last meeting minutes

Action Items review from last meeting.

Dianne Calder spoke to damage done in last windstorm (February 26, 2010) where large headstones blew down. Kevin Calder, Tom Calder and Dick Calder righted them.

Lynne Priest would like \$700 in the budget to be spent on repair before June 30<sup>th</sup>. Dianne Calder said that FEMA may pay for expenses related to the February windstorm and a bill for \$400. was delivered to Scott Seaver. (Dianne to provide copy for committee folder) \$200 was paid to Eagle Tree and a reimbursement came from TOCI. Dianne will follow up with Eagle Tree to get Dave Tardy to limb out and assess additional work. He will be asked to look at the trees along the road. Dianne reports that the used lowering device was acquired. New greens were paid for but have not been delivered, Dianne to follow up.

Dick Calder reports no progress on acquisition of Town owned land and will follow up by speaking with Herb Maine.

Deb Bowman reports she will not continue as President.

Lynne Priest will not continue as Treasurer, but would act as a liaison to report to the committee about cemetery finances.

There was a lengthy discussion about the state of the cemetery committee. It was agreed to hold 2 meetings per year, one in the spring prior to Memorial Day and another in the fall. Deb agreed to stay on in this capacity.

Dianne Calder suggested and would like to see a walk-through once yearly, possibly with selectmen. Doug Ross would be interested in being on committee and has agreed to assist Dick and Dianne with burials.

Discussion about repair of the mausoleum and storage building. Dianne will ask Mark Dyer and Doug Ross for estimates on the repair of both buildings.

Dick Calder reported that a part on the new mower will have to be replaced.

Dianne Calder reports the Memorial Day flags have been ordered. If Joan Robinson is unable to do flags this year, maybe the Church could help out. Deb suggested taking the map of graves and marking veteran's locations. Most are marked now with flag holders.

Ken Hamilton made a point about making sure the selectmen know that no repair or upkeep has been done to the cemetery buildings.

Dianne Calder said she has had 2 requests to sell back lots to owners. Long discussion ensued about how to refund. Presently, there is no breakdown fee schedule when people buy lots. A fee is charged which is inclusive i.e. perpetual care fee, plot, recording fee, etc. In order to properly refund money, we need to

establish what they paid. The owners bought under Cumberland Cemetery Association years ago. Dianne Calder will contact Peter McKenney for historical data on fees charged.

It was agreed the cemetery committee will draft a letter to the selectmen and town administrator. The letter will hit on several points and make the following recommendations:

adoption of Rules & Regulations

adoption of fee schedule

Perpetual care fund to be co-mingled with Town funds to  
take advantage of higher interest rates

80% of lots sales go to Perpetual care fund account

two meetings yearly spring and fall

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

\*Dianne Calder to provide copy of FEMA bill for files

\*Dick Calder to follow up with Herb Maine about acquiring Town owned land

\*Dianne Calder to ask for estimates on repair to buildings.

\*Dianne Calder to get historical data from Town of Cumberland and  
Cumberland Cemetery Association on fee breakdown.

\*Deb Bowman to prepare letter and final draft of Rules & Regs.