

Meeting Minutes
Cemetery Commission
January 4, 2012

Present: Betsy Wiederhold, Bob Abbott and Ethel MacStubbs
Henry Kunhardt and Lou Wiederhold attending

With the goal of establishing written policy around the management of the General Cemetery Maintenance Trust fund;

Henry presented his analysis of the cemetery financial picture while taking into consideration Attorney Mayer's letter of 10-3-11, recommending "the price of the lot be established at a rate that will support the present and future functions of the cemetery."

His figures reflected the cost of maintaining lots sold, along with projected cost of purchase, site work and maintenance of future cemetery land. His analysis concluded the price of a space is in the vicinity of the cost of a lot as it is established now.

It is well understood this figure is not easy to land upon given all the variables.

The discussion turned to the GCMT and how to maintain it.

The GCMT fund was created to simplify the bookkeeping quagmire associated with the present Perpetual Care Trust Funds. While initially serving some needs, the way GCMT is currently set up prevents the Trustees of Trust Funds from investing any portion and lacks a clear plan for management of expenditure. An option discussed was to set aside the majority of the fund for future use, allowing income to be generated and used as necessary on non specific grave needs.

We thank Henry for his time and thought regarding this issue.

Our plan is to inquire into other CC's policy through Terry Knowles' office.
Betsy will go forward with contacting.

The maintenance contract discussed. Bob recommended all maintenance bills be passed by us, as are all other cemetery bills, before paying out. This would have avoided the present situation of Jarest being paid for work not completed. Terry has verbally agreed to make good in the spring at their expense.

The removal of the tree between #3 north and middle sections did use the remainder of our budget funds but will read as overdrawn on the budget line for cemetery repairs. The selectmen's office is required to report expenditures where they were used.

Lou suggested implementing a bookkeeping system and board policy.
Trustees voted in favor.

We vote to not attend the CIP process this year. Betsy will contact Bob Lindgren.

Minutes for Nov 14 & 21 accepted as read.

Respectfully submitted,
E.B. MacStubbs

Amended
January 25, 2012