

Cemetery Commission

May 11, 2012

Cemetery Trustees- Ethel MacStubbs, Betsy Wiederhold, Polly Freese

H. Kunhardt, L. Wiederhold, A. Arnold, T. Anderson attending

Meeting was called to order at 9:00AM.

Minutes of 4/29/12 were approved as written.

Terry Knowles, Asst. Director of Charitable Trusts, was introduced and proceeded to answer some of our concerns and questions.

Perpetual care funds are site specific, and can only be figured by the number of Perpetual care lots. This figure is assessed as a percentage of the total care, figured out at the end of each year.

The monument is personal property, but any damage must be repaired, using the perpetual care fund for that lot.

Article 12 was discussed. The article should be automatic and specific, to the sale of lots in that year. We are considered to be "agents to expend", not answerable to any other board.

That wording is important and necessary to ^{be} stated in any Article transferring the funds into the GCMT.

It is not necessary for us to show a long range plan, but there is no reason against us doing that. Any money that we want to set aside within that fund can be done by a vote of the Cemetery Trustees, but it isn't something that we have to do each year. Town Meeting can change this if there is an article to do so.

Therefore it is important and essential that we define "maintenance" and that the Trustees of the Trust Fund concur with that definition.

Tree damage depends on where the tree is rooted. We are responsible for any damage within the cemeteries. An abutter might be responsible for any trees on their land.

There was some discussion about reclaiming sites that haven't been used. The steps for this are in the handbook, and the one question about the local paper being adequate for advertising unused lots, was answered in the affirmative.

There was some general discussion with H. Kunhardt, one of the Trustees of the Trust Fund.

We were very grateful to Terry Knowles for coming to us, and answering our many questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM

Respectfully submitted

Polly S. Freese