

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Plainfield met on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 5:00 pm at the Plainfield Fire Department on Main St, and after a brief meeting inspected the Village, Center, and Plain-Mont cemeteries.

In attendance:

Commissioners: Paula Ackel, Greg Light, and Ed Hutchinson

Dale Bartlett walked through the Village, and Plain-Mont cemeteries with us.

The Agenda was adjusted to meet first in case David Spence came late.

Minutes of April meeting were approved

The warrant for monthly expenses was signed.

A letter from Nancy Salerno was read. It stated her intention that cremated remains of her body would be buried in the lot of her parents Slaton and Ruth Orton, with a marker consistent with cemetery rules. The commission determined that no action was necessary.

The revenue and expense reports from Edward Jones were reviewed.

After a brief meeting we adjourned to walk through the village cemetery.

The Village cemetery has a considerable number of monuments that need work. In almost every row there are tipped stones that should be righted. There are sink holes that need to be filled. Several stones have become unglued from their bases. One is lying on the ground. One large monument that we paid to have righted last year has a sink hole at the base and is tipped significantly, the work last year was clearly inadequate. There is a dead tree in the SW corner. The chain-link fence is in bad repair. The grass needs to be mowed. Shrubbery and trees need removal and pruning.

Ed took photos documenting work to be done.

We then went to the Center "Bartlett" Cemetery. The conditions there are not too bad. The Pig Bench monument has not been placed on a proper footing. We agree that some fairly punitive letter must be sent to either the family or the installer to get the situation corrected (even so far as having the monument removed if it is not corrected). There is one monument completely broken, and one is lying on the ground.

A visit to the Plain-Mont Cemetery finished the tour. There are several trees that should be removed Five "southern pine" trees along the south west side are dead. There are at least two on the east side that are dead or near dead. We crossed US2 to look at the four grave sites there. One stone has been broken and needs repair. We also looked at the possibility of creating a natural "green burial" section in a corner of that property.

We returned to the firehouse about 6:45 and agreed to meet at 5:30 Wednesday May 23 at the Village cemetery with tools in hand to spend an hour and a half to two hours doing volunteer work, then closed the meeting.

Edward Hutchinson