

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Plainfield met remotely by Zoom on, Thursday May 7, 2020 at 5:30 PM on-line

Commissioners present: Alice Dworkin, David Spense, Kenley Freeman, Rocky Edson, and Ed Hutchinson The recording was audio only and really poor quality.

No other persons checked in.

Minutes of the minutes of the meeting April 21, 2020 were approved unanimously as published

Item composing cones for dog walkers

Discussion of issues about compost cones... cost about \$125, do we want to encourage dogs pooping in the cemetery?

Alice proposed, David 2nd, that we purchase and install "Composting Cone(s)" for dog walkers. The motion did not carry. We should get more public opinions before going this way. Alice will discuss with whomever is responsible for the park and ride area (Linda probably knows who that would be) if it would be OK to place a cone near the upper entrance to the cemetery.

Item to hire Scott Williams to reset a large stone in the Center Cemetery.

Rocky started the discussion. That led to a discussion of the many other monuments that have toppled over the winter and a general discussion of the budget. The line item of maintenance was discussed at length and the issue of tree removal and cleaning of monuments. The question came up of which monuments are "perpetual care" and how promptly do we respond to cleaning and maintenance of those specific monuments. Are the remainder the responsibility of their owners?

After a lengthy discussion Rock proposed, that we pay \$400 to Scott Williams to set the monument. David 2nd. It was voted unanimously affirmative.

There was no one to make public comments.

Other business continued the discussion of cleaning and maintaining monuments. Some work has been done this spring in the Kinney and Village cemeteries. There is a lot left to do in the Village, and there is a lot to do in the Center (Bartlett) cemetery. None of us has looked at the PlainMont cemetery for damage this spring. And none of us has visited the Bisson cemetery. Ed will email the cemetery rules to all, and also the perpetual care list.

Our next meeting will be May 20, 2020. Presuming the social distancing requirements can be met, we will meet at the Center (Bartlett) cemetery at 5:30, presuming fair weather. A short business meeting (standing) will approve these minutes (with corrections if necessary), discuss any deeds, and sign warrants if any from Linda, and discuss any other business that needs attention. Alice will make an attempt to muster some volunteers to join us about 6:00PM. We will spend an hour or so with volunteers, if any working, to straighten monuments.

Adjourned by motion 6:13 PM