

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Plainfield met on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Plain-Mont Cemetery Garage located on Route #2 just east of the Plainfield Hardware Store.

Commissioners Present: Dave Spence, Greg Light, Karla Haas Moskowitz, and Ed Hutchinson

Also present were Joseph Mangan, Sexton, and Dale Bartlet.

Ed Hutchinson was designated as chair and scribe.

Minutes of the October and December meetings were approved as proposed.

Green Burial options were discussed and investigation will continue. Before any decisions are made we will probably want public discussion.

Greg agreed to speak with officials from the Barre Town Cemetery that now allows high density cremains memorials.

The water from Plainfield Hardware is now connected. Ed will purchase new signs to replace the signs that are now weathered. Estimated cost \$100. David will speak with Rich about the "long term" use of water from the Hardware Store. It has now been four years of the "temporary arrangement". Dale recalled that Manosh had estimated a new well system at about \$12,000 four years ago.

A potential lot buyer (Dickinson) inquired about the possibility of placing a single "family" monument on two adjacent lots. The proposed monument would be about two feet two inches wider, and one foot higher than our published rules permit for a single lot. We discussed the origins and reasons for the policy restrictions. We approved this request for this specific monument. We did not specify anyone to call Mr Dickinson...

Ed agreed to send an electronic copy of the entire rules document as amended in 2014 to all of the commissioners. Several months ago we spoke about posting a sign near the entrance to all cemeteries with the rules about plantings and objects at grave sites. No specific action was taken on the subject.

We discussed the possible disposition of equipment that has been stored unused at the garage for the past four years.

The 1994 Ford F250 has a slipping transmission, but is otherwise operable.

The value of the dump bed probably exceeds the value of the truck.

The John Deere 755 w/loader& backhoe is in generally good condition for a tool its age.

The Utility trailer (used to haul the tractor) seems to be in excellent condition.

The John Deere GT242 mower and implements also seems to be in excellent condition (The battery was able to start the engine).

No firm decision was reached. Consensus is that the tractor should probably be kept, the truck should probably be disposed of (perhaps selling the dump body separately). There would be value to keeping the 755 tractor and the GT242 mower and accessories. We will continue to consider the possibility of disposing of the truck and trailer.

The Hydrangea near the Lasso monument has been pruned some. It still needs more work by a person skilled in pruning shrubs. Much of the problem seems to be the path taken by the mower.

The next meeting has been scheduled. for June 15th time and location TBD. We will probably meet at the Plainfield Fire Station at 6:00

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.