

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Plainfield met on Wednesday Aug 24, 2016 at 5:40 pm at the Plainfield Fire Station

Commissioners Present: Dave Spence, Greg Light, Karla Haas Moskowitz, and Ed Hutchinson. Also present was Dale Bartlet.

Minutes of the Jun 16 meeting were approved as proposed.

Old Business from the last meeting:

Broken and tipping monuments.

Ed will call The folks that did work last year (Heritage Memorials, Inc).

Fences

Karla researched the issue. We do not need a fence.

We do need some form of barrier to stop cars at the property line.

Granite posts and a chain would fit with the historic setting.

The granite posts are fairly fragile unless quite large and are somewhat expensive.

A white picket fence would be pretty but easily destroyed by snow removal.

Annual repair of the rather ugly chain link fence is expensive.

We will continue to consider alternatives.

Karla will inquire about whether the road crew (that bent over the fence at the municipal parking lot) would be willing to repair the damage.

If there is no fence the town is responsible for damaged caused by a herd of cows, a motor cycle gang, etc.

Holes

Joseph has filled almost all of the sink holes.

We plan to invite Joseph to the September meeting to discuss the several maintenance issues that are excluded from his contract but need to be accomplished (tipping stones, sink holes, shrubbery trimming,).

Green Burial

Ed, David and Karla have seen the film "Dying Green" and at the meeting Greg got a DVD to view. Karla attended a training session called "Wake up to Dying". One of the people at the event is the state's leading expert on the subject of green burial. I thought I had recorded his name. Karla can you correct this omission for the approved minutes? We decided to see if he is available to address the topic at our October Meeting. Karla will ask him if he would speak. We will publicize the meeting topic and encourage the public to attend.

New Business :

There were four new deeds that were approved. Commissioners now need to sign them in the presence of a notary (Linda Wells, town clerk).

There was an attempted break-in at the garage of Plain-Mont. The door and locks were damaged. New locks will be installed

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.