

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Plainfield met on Wednesday, Apr 11, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Plainfield Fire Department on Main St.

In attendance:

Commissioners: Paula Ackel, Greg Light, David Spence, and Ed Hutchinson

Also present: Joseph Mangan, Dale Bartlett, Andy Hebert, Shawn Lamson, Chris Davis, Barb Baird and Robert Bridges

The Agenda as published:

Minutes of last Meeting

Agenda adjustment

Deeds

 Wording

 Approvals of new deeds

Status of contracts

 Lawn mowing

Strategies for Summer season

 Spring tidy work "bee"

 Meeting Schedule

Stone maintenance and cleaning

Relocation of Cutler Library monument

Other Business

5:30 pm the meeting began

Commissioners and guests were introduced. Cris Davis was introduced as a possible candidate to fill the vacant seat on the commission.

The minutes of the meeting Nov 8, 2017 were approved as published.

The agenda was adjusted to allow guests to be heard first.

Relocation of Cutler Library monument - Robert Bridges explained the possible need to relocate the war memorial that has been located at the Cutler Library for many years. Mr Bridges suggested the area near Rt #2 in front of the Plain-Mont cemetery. Other possible sites were discussed. This is not an issue that needs to be settled now or perhaps for years. It was decided to keep relocation in mind and be prepared when relocation becomes necessary.

Stone maintenance and cleaning - Barb Baird introduced herself as a volunteer with considerable experience in cleaning of monuments. She asked our permission to do work on monuments in the Plainfield cemeteries (without cost). She would like to document her work and possibly publish narrative and photos. She has our blessing.

Lawn mowing - Shawn Lamson and Chris Davis were present to discuss the conditions

of the mowing contract and their commitment to better workmanship than was demonstrated last year. We agreed to communicate promptly if there are issues with the quality of work this summer. They agreed to arrange their work so that the fence line at the Village cemetery can be kept neat, and to be more diligent in shrub maintenance and keeping clipped grass from accumulating on monuments.

Status of contracts - the status of contracts is that there is no change. Both the sexton and the mowing contracts will continue unchanged. The mowing contract will expire the beginning of summer 2020, and the sexton contract expires the following spring.

The Wording of deeds for lots was discussed. The issue is that there is reference to "a plan" at the Town Clerk's office of Plainfield and East Montpelier" in the deeds. The status of these "plans" is uncertain. This is not the same as formally recording the deeds in land records. The wording has been used for several years and we approve the deed now presented. The question about who should record the deeds. If we take that responsibility how much we should charge for the service. Ed will talk to Linda Friday to get her opinions. We will decide if the language in deeds will be changed, and if so changes will be given to Joseph to be in future deeds.

The deed Linda has for Patricia and Joseph Foley was approved

Strategies for Summer season - The cemeteries are usually opened on May 1st.

Spring tidy work "bees"- We will meet at the fire station at 5:00 on May 16th to take quick tour of the cemeteries, weather permitting. A "May" Commission meeting will follow and we will decide on scheduling of spring volunteer efforts. We would like to have the cemeteries looking nice before memorial day. We will probably plan a "work bee" for the following week May 23 as the first effort.

Meeting Schedule - for the summer a "regular schedule" of meeting on the third Wednesday of June, July, August, and September is planned.

Other Business- We should inquire about connecting to the Plainfield Hardware Store Water supply.

The Meeting adjourned about 6:30pm

Edward Hutchinson