

Town of Springfield – Cemetery Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Selectmen's Hall - 96 Main Street - Third Floor

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Commissioners present: Gerald Patch, John Swanson, Hugh Putnam and Barbara A. Courchesne, Ex-Officio.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Vice-Chair, Gerald Patch.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hugh Putnam **Moved** and John Swanson seconded to approve Minutes from July 15, 2015. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Cemetery Update:**

- **Damage and Repairs:** Commissioners discussed Julia Lloyd Wright's recommendations and visit at Summer Hill Cemetery last month. The first step is having someone educate the Commissioner's on the repairs that volunteers can do. Then the Commissioners can start assembling, instructing and supervising volunteers. There is lots of heavy lifting involved. Possible sources of volunteers are Justice Center, Boy Scouts working on Eagle project and general public. Jerry will contact Charlie Merchant to see if he is willing to give instruction this upcoming spring to the Commissioners on how to make repairs. Charlie Merchant may require a donation to his organization for his time involved. Jerry will contact Boy Scouts to see if there is interest in an Eagle Scout project. Jerry will contact Jeff Strong regarding repairs to the Summer Hill vault now that trees are out of the way.
- **Summer Hill Fountain:** The most economical solution is to fill it with dirt and plant flowers. The problem with this solution is watering. Removal of the fountain needs to be outsourced, per Jeff Strong and he suggests Matt Priestly or Mark Bushway. The problem with this is expense. Putting the Bryant water fountain into the Summer Hill fountain would require the expense of laying new pipe.
- **Land Purchase:** Hugh has not been able to reconnect with Don Gurney, Sr. to follow up on his offer of land, clearing, right-of-way in exchange for lots for his family. Jerry will try to follow up with the new minister at Springfield Assembly of God.

**Future Agenda Items:** None

**Adjournment:** Jerry Patch **Moved** to adjourn, John Swanson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Barbara A. Courchesne  
Cemetery Commissioner, Ex-Officio

**Next Meeting will be Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at Selectman's Meeting Hall**