

Town of Springfield – Cemetery Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Summer Hill Cemetery

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

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

Julia Lloyd Wright, Chairman of the Weathersfield Cemetery Commission was present to speak regarding repairing of stones.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman, Scott Page

Approval of Minutes: John Swanson **Moved** and Gerald Patch seconded to approve Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2015. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cemetery Summer Hill Walk Thru with Julia Lloyd Wright:

Julia walked with the Commissioners through the front/oldest part of Summer Hill Cemetery, which contains the remains of some of Springfield's historically important residents, pointing out grave stones with damage such as broken, fallen, leaning, "sugaring" from acid rain. She stated that during ground maintenance the damage done by a weed wacker is "the kiss of death" to the stones, especially the ones that are "sugaring"

She recommended the following:

- Organize volunteers.
- Offender's Program can be a possible source of manpower.
- Request Charlie Merchant from Townshend do a workshop regarding care/repair.
- Marble bases which are split can be repaired with portland cement or epoxy.
- Leaning stones can be repaired by troweling down to the base, pulling forward, stabilizing with earth.
- Slate stones that have split and are letting in water can be repaired with epoxy.
- Brian Post (local resident) makes braces to hold together broken pieces
- Civil War stones can be replaced for a fee by contacting the Veterans Administration.
- Map out and identify repairs to be done and keep records of what has been done and when (possible Eagle Scout project).
- Chain link fences can be painted.

Adjournment: Hugh Putnam **Moved** to adjourn, John Swanson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara A. Courchesne

Cemetery Commissioner, Ex-Officio

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. at Selectman's Meeting Hall