

Town of Springfield – Cemetery Commissioners

Minutes

Selectmen's Hall - 96 Main Street - Third Floor

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Chairman Page.

**Additions to the Agenda:** 4a-Flag Evaluations and 4b-Pokemon

**Public Comment:** No public present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hugh motioned and John seconded to approve Minutes dated July 6, 2016; all in favor.

**Flag Evaluation:** John rescued from the transfer station a couple dozen plastic flags on posts approximately 2ft high. The Commissioners decided the flags are worth saving for future use and will be stored in the Oakland Tomb.

**Pokémon:** The online game app Pokémon Go has created a problem of goal seekers in the cemetery for gravesites that are on the “national list” of items to be found, i.e. the Slack cross in Summer Hill. John has noticed an increase in cemetery curfew violations which are probably due to the goal seekers. Gerry will speak with the police about enforcement of cemetery curfew. Scott will research removal of town cemeteries from the list of goals for the game. Ron requested the town be asked to place a marker or sign in front of the baby section at the entrance to St. Mary's area next to Section I in Oakland to deter cars from parking on top of the grave sites. Currently you cannot tell that there are graves in that area.

**Oakland Flag Pole/Solar Light:** Scott researched solar lights for the flag pole and suggests the best choice is a ground mount which will be donated by Davis Memorial Chapel.

**Summer Hill:** Pot hole has been fixed by Public Works. The raised lots are better maintained with mowing and trim work.

**Lockwood Day Cemetery:** This town cemetery, which is on private property, is located on Fairground Road and is known to be inactive but still maintained by the town. Sally Stevens is a Lockwood and wants to be buried there and has been in contact with the property owner. Scott remembers that at one time Kevin Day was interested in being buried there. There may or may not be public access to it. The question is why does the town maintain the cemetery on private property and why is it inactive. Hugh will research the land records. It's possible that when it was established there were no state rules and regulations.

**Adjournment:** Gerry motioned and Ron seconded to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Courchesne

Cemetery Commissioner, Ex-Officio

**Next Meeting is Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at which Minutes will be considered for approval.**