

Town of Springfield – Cemetery Commissioners

Regular Meeting

Selectmen's Hall - 96 Main Street - Third Floor

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM by Chairman, Scott Page

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Hugh Putnam **Moved** and Jerry Patch seconded to approve Minutes from August 19, 2015. No Discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tree Removal: Three trees to left of Summer Hill Tomb and two toward back that require a crane to remove. Too tall to drop over bank without landing on neighboring property. Trees are all marked with red X. Jerry spoke with John Johnson about asking Jeff Strong to put some money into the proposed 16/17 budget for tree removal. Jerry will revisit issue with Jeff and/or John.

John Swanson joined the meeting at 5:15 PM.

Land Purchase: Scott will also talk with Jeff Strong regarding keeping money in the budget set aside for and purchase from Assembly of God. Before reconvening in the Spring Scott will talk with the new pastor at Assembly of God and its board regarding the proposed land transaction. At a better time, the Commissioners will touch base with the Gurney family regarding their proposed land transaction. According to Scott, St. Mary's may be willing to work together on a right-of-way along the common stonewall in Oakland he will address this with the church prior to reconvening in the Spring.

Oakland Tomb Repair: Jerry's requested John Johnson talk with Bob Verge (building maintenance) about getting the roof repaired before winter. Jerry will follow up with John.

Flag Pole Painting: Wayne Bishop has volunteered to sand and paint the pole. Jeff Strong instructed that his department will take down the pole for this to be done, but hasn't to-date. There is power out there and wire is needed to run a light to flag pole so that the flag can be left out all the time. Hugh will look into a solar powered light.

Cemetery Repairs for 2016: Scott has a Granite City Tool Supply catalog to purchase items for doing stone repairs. Jerry needs to talk with Charlie Merchant from Townshend about visiting with Commissioners, Jeff Strong and John Johnson in the Spring. Goal is to ask for volunteers to repair 25 to 30 stones per year under instruction initially given by Charlie and carried out by the Commissioners. Barbara will ask Town Attorney about liability of volunteers. Oakland needs seeding.

Future Agenda Items: None

Adjournment: John Swanson **Moved** to adjourn for the winter until after Town Meeting, Hugh Putnam seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Courchesne
Cemetery Commissioner, Ex-Officio

Next Meeting will be scheduled following 2016 Town Meeting