

## Londonderry Cemetery Commission

### Minutes for June 4, 2015 meeting Town office, So. Londonderry

Present: Danny Cobb, Chair, Gary Barton, Laurie Krooss Mullen, Melvin Twitchell,

Absent: Patty Wiley

Guests: Duane & Melissa Hart

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM by Danny Cobb, chair.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. **Minutes** of our April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. (Melissa had found the name of the owner of the property behind Rest Haven, handed it to Danny, it's an LLC).

Gary moved approval of the April 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. Melvin seconded. No corrections. Minutes approved.

Gary moved approval of the May 7<sup>th</sup> minutes. Melvin seconded. Duane corrected two spelling mistakes. Minutes approved with corrections.

#### 4. **Bills/invoices**

\$262.70, new split rail fence at River Side (it looks very nice). Paid.

\$934. Fenton and Hennessey, stones for Wade and Sexton. Paid.

Melvin mentioned that the bill for the flags had been paid.

#### 5. **Announcements and correspondences**

Laurie mentioned that she forgot to contact the cub scouts about putting flags up at Glebeview. (Melvin did that, thanks Melvin).

Laurie will put a thank you in *The Message* for the Girl Scouts for putting flags up at River Side.

#### 6. **Visitors and concerned citizens**

None

#### 7. **Maintenance of cemeteries**

~ Danny called Bruce O'Brien re: paving at River Side. They are very busy. Duane mentioned that if they cannot do it, Springfield Paving might be available. Danny will keep calling O'Brien.

~ Discussion of the 'dip' at the entrance to River Side off of Old Stowell Hill Road. Duane will fix this.

~ Danny has spoken to the caretaker of the (former) Sullivan property. The new owners will not be up until August. We will wait to put the new fence up until Danny has had a chance to speak with the new owners.

~ Melvin will check on the Rest Haven deed to see if the Cemetery owns the access road at the back of the cemetery.

~ Discussion of our rules and regulations. We will continue to require that dirt be removed by whoever is digging the grave and/or foundation of headstone or memorial bench (this came up in the midst of a discussion of Carl Swanson).

- ~ Melissa mentioned that top soil will be added to sink holes in some graves (Glebeview and River Side).
- ~ Middletown culvert has been done. Brooks culvert is almost finished.
- ~ Discussion of Benjamin Pierce stone (crumbling) at River Side. To make a new stone or try and repair the old one? (Mr. Pierce died in 1847).
  - *Laurie moved that **Melissa** be in touch with Fenton and Hennessey to have them make a new stone (one that looks as old as possible) for Mr. Benjamin Pierce (in the old section of River Side), he died on May 9, 1847, he was 85. Motion passed.*
- ~ Melissa mentioned the snakes at River Side and Glebeview.
- ~ Everett West stone At Glebeview, Melvin mentioned it looks like it got hit with a mower. Should be looked at and repaired (?)

## 8. Sale of cemetery plots

- ~ Carlton family. Debbie Carlton had called Melvin re: a possible purchase of a different plot than the one they currently own.. It has been explained by Melvin to a member of the extended family and for the moment the situation seems settled.
- ~ Lucy and Maynard Williams plot (River Side) has one grave left. Mayella Wheeler (their granddaughter) would like to be buried with her grandparents. **Melissa** will look for the deed at the Town Office. If the heirs of Lucy and Maynard (there are 4 surviving children) agree, in writing, then she can be buried there. **Laurie** will work on that written approval with the family.
- ~ Spiers plot in Middletown. A deed has been found. Bob and Sarah Martin have two graves (the 'M' corner stones) and Charles Woods (who was Debbie Spiers Woods Ahern's first husband) is buried there. The deed says that there are 13 graves remaining. Much discussion followed. Duane to put in 'S' corner stones for 13 lots. The Commission will NOT create a map at this time. (No map exists for Middletown). Melvin may ask the family if they have a 'map/diagram' of where they would hope to be buried. [The problem is that since there is no map there is the VERY REAL possibility that there are already remains in the 13 graves that had been sold to the Spiers family.] **Melvin** to research the technology to check that out without digging.

Melvin reminded us of the request from the Spiers family to give one plot (of the remaining 13) to one of the Janeway daughters (who is deceased) so that she can be buried near her parents. Decision is for **Melvin** to call the state of Vermont re: state statute (persons must sell an undesired lot back to the Town) vs. the wording of the deed, 'heirs and assigns'. Melvin will be in contact with Danny after his discussion with the State. Danny will then make an appt. with Lexy Young as to how the Commission should move forward. The concern here is setting precedent.

## 9. Old Business

Plaque/flag holder discussion. **Melvin** to order specific flag holders for each war.

## 10. New business

Dick Dale grave discussion. **Melvin** to meet with Mr. Dale.

Adjournment was at 9:04 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: July 2, 2015, Town Offices, So. Londonderry, 7:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Laurie Krooss Mullen*