

Londonderry Cemetery Commission

Minutes for September 4, 2014 meeting

Town office, So. Londonderry

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

Guests: Duane and Melissa Hart

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Danny Cobb, chair.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Minutes of last meeting to be accepted. Moved and seconded. All approved.
4. **Bills/invoices:**

Danny Cobb presents bills from Melissa Hart for brush removal at Riverside, \$700. Fence at Glebeview, \$3,326.00. Fence at Riverside, \$6,263.00, (two bills from Williams Fence).

5. **Correspondence:**

An e-mail was received requesting the location of a grave for a relative, Laurie Krooss forwarded it to Melvin Twitchell who found the grave, and sent picture to the inquiring person.

Danny Cobb received an e-mail from Berthe Cowles re: the garden at Glebe View. It has not been weeded. Discussion followed. A motion was made to preserve the walk way, the bench, and the crab apple and allow the rest of the garden to return to grass. The flowers and plants will be removed. Moved and seconded. All approved.

Letter to Carl Swanson produced the desired results as he has been in touch via e-mail with Melissa.

Melvin reported that the article in *The Message* has produced only one response and a response from someone asking about Legion participation in the effort.

6. **No visitors or concerned citizens.**

7. **Maintenance of cemeteries:**

Melissa had investigated the cost of a flat stone to mark graves that have no stone. Somewhere around \$400-\$500. Discussion followed. Melissa will investigate the names of people who are in need of a stone. According to VT State Statue #5371 (see next page) the Town has a responsibility to put a stone on a grave if there is not one in place three years after the burial.

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In case of the burial of a person not having known estate, and not having a suitable marker or headstone erected at his or her grave within three years from the date of such burial, the selectmen of the town or the aldermen of a city, as the case may be, wherein such person is buried, shall cause to be erected at such person's grave, at the expense of such town or city, a suitable marker or headstone with the inscription thereon of the name of the deceased and dates of his or her birth and death, if the same are known.

Culverts to be done.

Duane and Melissa's contract will be up on March 31, 2015. Danny Cobb requests that at the next meeting we discuss their contract. Melissa will e-mail the current contract to everyone and bring a copy to Patty Wiley.

Corner stones: getting harder and harder to get, according to Carl Swanson. Not worth the effort to make them (they get crushed for grout).

We need to order some, according to Duane. We will need "D's" for certain.

8. Sale of cemetery plots

Four lots, on each end of Collins, cannot be sold. (Trees and crooked fence and, in actuality, a smaller cemetery than it measured).

There is no map for the old part of Collins. Dick Dale's mother-in-law, a Mrs. Simmons, will be buried next to her husband in the old part of Collins. Melvin found the record of the Simmons' purchased lots. There is no way to know for certain which side Mr. Simmons was buried on. This will be investigated at the necessary time.

9. Old business

Melvin will bring old minutes for Laurie to the next meeting.

Glebe View boundary still pending. Brush cutting will begin shortly.

10. New business

None.

11. Adjournment was at 8:32 PM

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2014 7:00 PM Town Offices, So. Londonderry

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Krooss Mullen