

5-11-18

Barnes Cemetery Committee Minutes

11 a.m. Because of windy conditions, the committee meeting at the cemetery grounds is to be reconvened in the Town Office meeting room.

Meeting called to order at 11:17 by Donna Porter. Susan Pagnucci will serve as secretary due to Linda Clark's absence. Roll Call. Present: Dave Schiess, Sandy Collins, Jeanie Barnes, Susan Pagnucci, Donna Porter. Absent: Linda Clark, Florence Prickett.

The agenda was posted in due form. Motion made by Dave/Jeanie 2nd to approve the agenda and minutes as posted. Motion passed.

Donna said that next month we need a spring election of officers, as listed in our bylaws. She appointed Dave Schiess chair and he agreed to serve. We will elect a secretary at our next meeting. Donna will serve as the board liaison and will no longer be chair of the committee.

As our sexton, Dave sells deeds, sets up burials, and makes sure sites are marked and dug, and handles cremation burials. The town crew digs the regular burial sites. Dave needs a substitute for a June cremation burial. At this point, no one else is trained. But he will work at finding someone. If we need to make changes in our bylaws about the sexton getting substitutes when he knows he will be gone, we will discuss this at our next meeting.

We will send a thank you to the Garden Club for the work they did last year in the flower box and at the two front sites where we have bushes, rocks, and flowers. The cemetery looked terrific under their work. We are also asking them if they will take over this work annually and will give them up to \$300 towards flowers, bark, shrubs, etc. as needed. Motion moved by Susan/Sandy 2nd to allot \$300 towards flower expenses. Motion passed.

Dave brought up a new practice of setting urns on top of caskets within the burial site. He explained exactly how this physically works and various reasons why a family might choose this to keep family members buried in one site and to save space in the cemetery. He does not know the legality of this practice and will look into this for discussion at our next meeting. As he suggested, it might be a good idea for our cemetery.

A motion was made by Sandy/Dave 2nd to adjourn at 11:55. Motion passed.

Our next meeting is set for May 31st at 10 a.m.

Cemetery clean-up by anyone who might be able to come will be Monday, May 14th at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Pagnucci