

Enfield Board of Cemetery Trustees
Via Zoom Video Conference Enfield, New Hampshire
Minutes of July 23, 2020

Board Members Present: Neal Meagher, Angus Durocher

Excused:

Absent: Fred Cummings

Administrative Staff: Bridget Labrie, Cemetery Sexton, Jim Taylor, Director of Public Works

Called to order at 6:06

Mr. Meagher read the virtual public meeting preamble

Old business:

Mr. Meagher moved to accept minutes

Mr. Durocher seconded

Vote was unanimous

Fred Cummings resignation

Mr. Meagher moved to respectfully and regretfully accept Mr. Cummings' resignation and to thank him for his previous service as a trustee for the cemeteries.

Mr. Durocher seconded

Vote was unanimous

Mr. Durocher agreed to look into how the trustees recommend/appoint a replacement

Cemetery laptop

Ms. Labrie:

New laptop works well, but VPN isn't set up yet

Mr. Taylor:

SymQuest is working through a long list of issues

Overhauled town system, moving to cloud hosting, etc.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Ms. Labrie:

Latest Cemetery Rules and Regulations need to be updated on the website

Scattering grounds rules should be added to the latest Rules and Regulations

All agree that it makes sense to consolidate scattering grounds rules with the latest Cemetery Rules and Regulations and update the website. Ms. Labrie to look into getting that done.

Ms. Labrie noted that it would be appropriate to put a link to the updated Rules and Regulations in town newsletter. All agreed, and Mr. Taylor said he would take care of it.

Rules on solar lights and other decorations

Mr. Meagher:

We should update the rules regarding solar lights
Want to make it more broad
Countryside is beginning to get cluttered

Mr. Durocher:

Have there been complaints?

Mr. Taylor:

A while ago
Not so much recently

Mr. Durocher:

I don't have a strong opinion either way

Mr. Meagher:

Will go back at night

Mr. Meagher moves to table the discussion on solar lights and other decorations

Mr. Durocher seconds

Vote is unanimous

Report on nearby municipalities pricing for burial and plots

Mr. Durocher

Enfield's current pricing is in line with neighboring towns
Recommends no change to current price
Possible changes to fee structure:
Fee broken up into plot price and ongoing maintenance
Charge differently for resident and non-resident

Ms. Labrie:

Liked the idea of breaking up fee
Noted that non-residents don't pay taxes
Raised possibility of breaking up lot sizes

Mr. Durocher:

How many non-residents have been buried recently?

Mr. Taylor:

Estimated that roughly 30% of recent burials were of non-residents

Most from neighboring towns, grew up in town, or had some other immediate tie

All agree that it would be in the Trustees interest to look at sections in Countryside that might be considered for cremation-specific plots

Mr. Durocher moves to move up the time of the next meeting and hold it at countryside

Mr. Meagher seconds

Vote is unanimous

Mr. Taylor's update

Grounds department has no current staffing

Currently covering responsibilities w/ town highway staff

2 jobs listed - Leader and groundskeeper

50 applicants, though many applicants from far away

Interviewing in a week or so

Mr. Meagher inquired about the vinyl fencing that needed to be replaced at Follensbee

Mr. Taylor said it had been delivered, and that he would check to see if it's been replaced

Ms. Labrie's update

Following up on last meeting's discussion of the bushes at Countryside, she counted 26 that were in need of replacing.

Agreed to get recommendations for bush replacement for next meeting

Two lots sold in Countryside

Burial scheduled for the 31st

Two other burials in scheduled for Countryside, 1 cremation, 1 full

Mr. Meagher and Mr. Durocher agreed to add the following items on the agenda for next month's meeting:

Shrubs

Scattering grounds

Decorations rules

Cremation lots

Mr. Meagher moved to adjourn the meeting

Mr. Durocher seconded

Vote was unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm