

Enfield Cemetery Trustees Minutes
09Jun2022

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: DPW Conference Room

Meeting called to order 1813.

Tabled minutes approval.

Public Comment:

Dwight Marchetti, Gordon Clough, Rick Argent (DWP)

Dwight: For a number of years, Memorial Day is key for veterans, and they go to cemeteries. We are troubled that funds are for maintenance of cemeteries and Lockhaven wasn't taken care of for Memorial Day. There was a chain across the road, and it wasn't open. Memorial Day still had a chain across Lockhaven. The grass was a foot high. The obligation comes to the people entrusted to the duties. The three trustees weren't cognizant of the issue. Why wasn't it taken care of. It puts a bad taste in your mouth when things aren't taken care of. Lakeview and Countryside are pristine, but Lockhaven was not. I want answers. There was discussion about an email exchange through the town site that Ms. Labrie responded to on 5/16/22 but Dwight did not see.

Rick: It's 100-hours of work every week to do cemetery work between 3 people. Gave examples, but it comes down to how we allocate time. We try to mow for Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and 4th of July. To say that we don't care is a bit much. "Why is it not done?" The town only has 3 grounds people. We are doing the best that we can.

Gordon: Who places the flags?

Sextant: Boy scouts

Rick: The chain was across the road because the road was bad. It now has a clip. (Discussion with Gordon/Dwight/Rick about grounds.)

Sextant: The chain is there to deter illegal activities that were taking place.

Dwight: Has anything been done to explain the state to people.

Rick: I'm up for opinions. It's only been since October that I've been working for DPW. I understand the points brought up. There are important dates for everything.

(Discussion between everyone about historically the states of things)

Dwight: The allocation of funds is the problem. Proposed going to budget committee and request to have more money allocated to maintenance.

(Discussion of Oak Grove and other money issues and structure)

Dwight: The root of the problem is man power allocation and funding. It looks bad to people to see cemeteries unmowed before holidays. There's obviously a huge void in budget and funding.

Gordon: The budget committee might be sympathetic.

Gordon: One last thing, at Lakeview, step coming out is big and the cars bottom out.

Rick: The sign at Lakeview also blocks things, so between sign and the step, it needs to be addressed.

Dwight: One last thing, solar powered motion detector might help spook people in Lockhaven.

Close public session.

Cemetery Sextant Report.

Had conversations with Dwight and Gordon that were recapped above. We've done a bunch of burials, and we are done for now. Nothing on calendar. Neal and Angus signed a deed transfer, but there are a few more that need to be done. I think that we are in decent shape in general. Trying to get information on where/which flags are. Rick handle public works report. George Hill wall needs to be rebuilt. The Adam's wall is a boundary dispute and the wall is rebuilt. Ed/Roy are handling that.

New Business:

Table Green Burial discussion. Signs! Need to paint signs. I (Bridget) will scrape and paint. Neal: Could we use PVC or something like the state parks to minimize maintenance? Will look into it. Bridget showed pictures of all signs. Paddleford was not in terrible condition, Purmort and Follensbee are in bad shape. Burnham is particularly bad, the bottom is missing. Neal: The ones that are easy to repair, we should. If they are bad, we should go bite the bullet and replace for lower labor. We have a labor shortage and this will address it. Also, I (Bridget) made a spreadsheet to keep track of what we've done and what we're doing. Also, to correct public record, there are 26 cemeteries in town and we maintain 17.

Other Business:

nothing comes to mind.

Next Meeting Items:

Green Burial and Public Comment Items

Meeting Adjourned at 1936.