

Brookline Cemetery Commission Minutes (Draft)
November 20, 2014

1. Cynthia Nau called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Present were commission members Howard Osgood, Doug Wellman, and Penny Harrington (via telecom). Absent was David Allbee.
2. Election of officers: Howard nominated Cynthia Nau as Chair, all in favor. Cynthia nominated Doug as Secretary, all in favor. Cynthia nominated Howard as Sexton, all in favor.
3. Steve Chabot arrived. He was invited to attend to discuss plowing and fence issues around the cemetery. Cynthia and Howard explained the commission's concerns about plowing and damage to the fence in previous years. Steve explained that he plowed the area both as a necessity to plow his driveway but also so winter visitors to the cemetery would have a place to park. He explained he was careful not to plow snow into the cemetery and when the fence was up not to damage it further (since the fence was in such poor condition it has been removed). He explained he had checked for damage and has often emptied the trash barrel at the cemetery when it was full. He also stated that the fence alongside his driveway is in poor condition and it appears the only thing holding it up in places is the vegetation intertwined in it. He informed the commission that he will be cutting some trees on his side of the property line with the cemetery that interferes with travel in his driveway. After some discussion the commission agreed that it is beneficial to allow Mr. Chabot to continue to plow the area between Hill Road and the Cemetery, and granted him permission to do so. Commission members also thanked him for disposing of the cemetery trash.
4. Old Business:
 - Cynthia has money from the sale of old fencing that will be given to the treasurer. The fence has now been totally disposed of. \
 - The Treasurers report was reviewed, the commission was unsure of recent lot sales. We will ask the Town Clerk to clarify which lots have been sold recently.
5. There was a discussion of records. Penny stated that the official map and all records are in the town vault. This led to questions about cost of plots, if cremation plots should differ from burial plots, how many sets of cremated remains could be placed in a single plot, and how our plot costs compares to that of other local cemeteries.
6. **New Business:**
 - Frequency of meeting was discussed. The commission decided to meet in February, April, and September.

- Mowing. Commission discussed the importance of having mowing done just prior to Memorial Day and 4th of July Weekends.
- VT Cemetery association. Cynthia will check on annual dues.

7. The meeting was adjourned at ____ PM. The next meeting will be February 12, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the town office.

Respectively submitted,

Douglas Wellman
Secretary