

FINAL Minutes  
Riverside Cemetery Commissioner Meeting  
Wednesday December 11, 2024  
Brookline VT Conference Room at Town Hall

Members Present

Laurie Nau-Martocci - Chair

Michael Winot

Douglas Wellman

Howard Osgood

Dot Maggio

1. The meeting was called to order by Laurie Nau-Martocci at 6:31 pm
2. No changes to the agenda were made
3. Review Draft of the August 8, 2024 meeting minutes  
Douglas Wellman moved to accept the minutes as presented  
Michael Winot seconded the motion  
No Discussion - All were in favor
4. Members of the Public  
None in attendance
5. Old Business
  - A. Vt Cemetery Association Grant - Tabled
  - B. Cemetery Financial Audit  
\$200.00 donation was received after the fundraising request was sent out.  
Actual Fund Balance will be requested from the Treasurer for next meeting
  - C. Reselling unused Cemetery plots  
It was decided to set up a meeting with Charlie Marchant to find out what he could tell us about selling old plots at Riverside Cemetery that may never have been used in generations. Laurie will contact Charlie.
  - D. Cemetery plots available  
Using the handwritten map maintained by Howard Osgood, a new copy of the map should be made. We will ask Charlie Marchant how he would identify grave lots/plots and indicate cremains vs. full casket burials. The the side closest to the trees is the most active division for current sales.

6. New Business
  - A. Purchase of fence for Cemetery.

Barbara Bourne purchased the wrought iron antique fence from Kit's Auction house before they moved and it is stored at her home. She paid \$2000.00 for the fence. Ronald Albee made a \$1000.00 donation towards the fence which has been deposited. Roger Albee offered to donate \$500.00 and Howard Osgood offered to donate \$500 to purchase the fence in the future. Howard called Roger to remind him of his offer.
  - B. Purchase of property for additional space

Rebecca Whitney who owns the 4 acre homestead next to the cemetery has told Howard that she has someone interested in buying the land where the trees are and that a perk test will be done. This means that there may be no opportunity to expand the current size of the Riverside Cemetery.
  - C. Rules/Regulations for flowers/bushes at grave sites.

A discussion about revising the rules/regulations, and cleaning up the overgrown plantings next year.
7. Agenda for next meeting
  - A. Vote on amended by laws
  - B.. Review policy from Charlie Marchant
  - C. Write policy for selling back graves to the town
  - D. Vote to purchase fence if donations are received to cover the cost
  - E. Determine the actual measurement for fencing
  - F. Develop a handout with the bylaws/ buy back policy and rules/regulations to hand out with the deed when a plot is sold.
  - G. Laurie will send a letter to Rebecca from the commissioners about the land.
  - H. The next meeting of the Riverside Cemetery Commissioners will be on Thursday March 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM at town hall
8. Mike Winot motioned to adjourn the meeting  
Laurie Nau Martocci seconded the motion  
The meeting ended at 7:33 pm