

Cemetery Trustees
January 9, 2012
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The Cemetery Trustees reported that the Village Cemetery and the West Yard Cemetery looked good.

Mary noted that she had intended to purchase loam and grass seed, but Sexton, Tony Davis, indicated that he had a credit with a local vendor and that he would get the loam with the credit. She did purchase 25# of grass seed.

Mary remarked that she and Linda had been reorganizing and purging the files.

A letter was received from the Selectmen explaining a change in procedure aimed at minimizing interruptions for the support staff in the town office.

The Cemetery Trustees discussed whether they would be submitting any warrant articles. It was noted that several years ago there was some discussion as to whether a water line should be extended from the former Tim Jones property. Mary noted that with the donation of the water barrel, the need for the extension of the water line is not necessary at this time.

Mary explained that the \$678.65 in payments to the town for perpetual care mowings reflected the fact that 221 of the cemetery plot in the Village Cemetery were covered by perpetual care as compared to the total of 967 plots.

The mowing proposal from Vermont Hillside reflected a \$250.00 increase over the previous year. The total contract was for \$4290.00. The Trustees discussed whether they should seek further proposals. It was noted that the Trustees were very satisfied with the mowing by Vermont Hillside. The Trustees discussed whether issuing RFPs every year was a reasonable exercise. On motion by Patty, the Trustees voted unanimously to issue RFPs every 3rd year starting in 2014.

The Trustees reviewed and agreed on their budget for 2012.

The Trustees discussed the issue of tattered American flags. Linda noted that she had reviewed the policy from American Legion and noted that it is the Legion's policy to remove every American flag that was installed by the Legion after Memorial Day. On motion by Patty, the Trustees voted unanimously to adopt the following policy on American flags: to make certain that the cemetery is in pristine condition between May 15 and November 15 of any year, it is the policy of the cemetery trustees to remove any American flags which are laying on the ground, or which are only held in place with one staples or which are tattered and torn. Flags to be disposed of will be property disposed. Flags removed during the months of May through November will be replaced by the Cemetery Trustees and or another appropriate organization.

It was noted that both Roxanne MacConnell and Geraldine Plotts were up for re-election.

Mary noted that she had not received any budget analysis for 2011.

Mary explained the error from the Oppenheimer administrators relative to the inadvertent deduction of taxes from the Common Trust.

Mary explained that appropriately 215 perpetual care account will be reimbursed an apportioned share for the perpetual care mowing and that the cost of the mowing will be taken from the income of those plot owners actually having income, as was indicated on the disbursement transaction.

At 5:02 PM the meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Little
Secretary