

Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee  
Minutes, May 6, 2013  
Municipal Meeting Room, 4 p.m.

Present: Don Jones, Jackie Lowell, and David Sutter

1. Call to Order

Chair Don Jones called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Reading and approval of minutes

David Sutter moved to accept the minutes. Vote 3-0-0.

3. Finalize changes to Cemetery Regulations

Don Jones distributed copies of the Cemetery Regulations as amended at the previous meeting. The following changes were made:

Page 1, Section 1, fifth line: "Lots ~~which that~~ are not deep enough...."

Page 3, Section 9, A: Change to "If a decorations including trees and bushes are is-placed on....."

The committee discussed whether "highway crew" should be changed to allow for the possibility of contracted labor maintaining the cemetery. "Public Works crew" and "caretaker" were suggested but no change was made. The committee discussed the deletion (approved at the last meeting) of the section dealing with notification to owners of lots that decorations such as trees or bushes would be removed but no change was made. Also discussed was the use of "shall" in place of "must", "are not" "may", etc. , but no change was made. A motion to adopt the changes made at this and the previous meeting failed.

4. Discuss need for guidelines on who may be buried

Becky Applin had asked the committee to address this subject. The State cemetery regulations seem to indicate that heirs would have the authority to make decisions. Seeking legal advice was recommended and Don Jones will check on this with the Town Manager.

5. Develop enforcement/information program

Don Jones distributed a draft of a statement advising the public of cemetery regulations that would appear as a public notice or letter from the Town Manager. David Sutter moved to recommend that a public notice regarding enforcement of cemetery regulations be placed in local weeklies before Memorial Day. Vote 3-0-0.

6 Adjournment

Jackie Lowell moved to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Vote 3-0-0.