

Ad Hoc Cemetery Committee  
Minutes, June 3, 2013  
Municipal Meeting Room, 4 p.m.

Present: Don Jones, Jackie Lowell, Carolann Rines and David Sutter

1. Call to Order

Don Jones called the meeting to order at 4:00 p. m.

2. Approval of Minutes

David Sutter moved to approve the minutes. Vote 3-0-1.

3. Old Business

Regulations: Don Jones contacted both Bath and Damariscotta regarding their cemetery regulations. He reported that Bath uses the word "grave" rather than "lot." With regard to those who may be buried in the same lot as parents or other relatives, Bath requires that relationship to those buried be proved, a family tree be supplied and that siblings and cousins sign off on the request. Bath just removes decorations or plantings that are not allowed. Damariscotta removes trees and bushes six weeks after notice to owners or after a notice is placed on grave.

Jones distributed his edited version of the Cemetery Regulations which uses "grave" or "grave spaces" rather than "lot." The committee members will consider this version and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. New Business

Draft Procedures for Cemetery Rules Enforcement: The committee discussed Jones' draft which calls for a multi-year program for tree and shrub removal and amended it to indicate that all illegal shrubs and trees will be removed from the Greenlawn Cemetery from September 9, 2013 through April 30, 2014. The following year illegal trees and shrubs will be removed from the Woodlawn Cemetery. The option for requesting an exemption of the removal of trees or shrubs was deleted. The removal program will be publicized in the newspapers.

In place of individual markers placed on cemetery lots warning that decorations are not in compliance with cemetery regulations as suggested in Jones' draft, it was the consensus that a sign be placed at each entrance that specifies the only types of decorations that are allowed and warning that all others will be removed.

The procedures will also be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Adjournment

David Sutter moved to adjourn. Vote 4-0-0.