

Vershire Cemetery Trustee Meeting Sept. 9 2021, Vershire Town Center

The meeting came to order at 2:20. Present Peggy Darrow, Eleanor Zue, Rita French

1. South Vershire Cemetery.

Green Valley Memorials has completed the restoration work and sent an invoice for the rest of their payment. Peggy has been to the cemetery and looked it over; Rita will go shortly. If Rita thinks it looks OK, we will forward the invoice to Gene Craft for payment.

The problem of the dead and dying trees at the end of the cemetery on the property of the Walkas. We have still received no response to our letter to them. Peggy consulted with Michael Tarrant, the town's lawyer, to see where we stand in law. The issue is complicated. If it were simply branches over the cemetery, we could have them removed, but trees on someone else's property is not clear. If one fell and damaged a grave stone, we might have a case to sue them--or we might not. Mr. Tarrant suggested that he could write a letter to the Walkas. We decided that we will send a second letter and register it so we know that they received it before we do anything else, like send a letter from a lawyer. At this point we don't know if they received our letter or not.

We still need a sketch of where the huge Powell plot is for our records and to accompany the deed. The Powells have had corner stones installed as well as some flowers on the grave.

2. Vershire Center Cemetery:

We need to write a letter to Donna Goldberg about the trees threatening the end of the cemetery. Peggy will draft a letter to Ms. Goldberg.

3. Vershire Village Cemetery

Gene will draft a deed for Cheryl Ash. Eleanor set it up at a meeting with Cheryl at the Town Office to complete the sale of a burial plot to her.

We still have the mystery of the Darling plots. Rita will investigate.

4. Bylaws. We provisionally revised the third paragraph to read:

*Lot corner markers are required within thirty days of lot purchase. Corner markers shall be stone, a minimum of 4 inches by 4 inches. We have not been in touch with other towns' cemetery trustees to see if they restrict plantings or number of contiguous lots that can be purchased. We will do this, with Eleanor getting in touch with some of the proper people in Thetford, Rita in West Fairlee and Peggy in Corinth and Chelsea.*

5. Catholic cemetery. We have arranged to view the state of the Catholic Cemetery next Thursday afternoon. September 16.

Our next meeting will be Thursday October 14 at 2 PM. The meeting adjourned at 3:15

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret H. Darrow  
Vershire Cemetery Trustee