

Minutes of the Vershire Cemetery Trustees Meeting, September 15 2022, Town Center

The meeting came to order at 2:07. Present Rita French, Eleanor Zue and Peggy Darrow

Old Business: Vershire Village cemetery: Eleanor has investigated the rubble left by Green Valley Memorials from the restoration work; she thinks the granite and marble could be usable so does not want Green Valley to haul it away, at least not yet. She has taken pictures. She and Rita will see if some pieces could be made into the temporary corner stones we discussed at our last meeting. Rita's grandson is a stone cutter. Meanwhile, we have paid Green Valley Memorials for their work.

Vershire Center cemetery. After a long exchange of emails with Donna Goldberg about cutting dead trees on her property abutting this cemetery we have reached an impasse. According to an email from Donna dated Sept. 1, she intends to have an arborist of her own choice look over the situation. She is supposed to let Peggy know what the result of this consultation is. Meanwhile Chippers has decided that they do not want to do the work here. It is too late in the season to try to bring in another tree service. So the cemetery is facing more fallen limbs if not entire trees and potential damage to the grave stones.

South Vershire/Mountain Ash cemetery. Rita talked to Mike Gunn about building the fence project.. He is supposed to call Rita and meet her there. She also spoke to Ellis Paige about digging post holes. Wesley Parker has not gotten in touch about the project.

Bylaws: We reviewed the latest draft of the new cemetery bylaws. Then voted unanimously to approve them and send them on to the Select Board.

New Business: Village cemetery. Eleanor met with Eli Mintz to look at a couple of big trees that need to come down there. He is supposed to get her an estimate. Rita suggested Ellis Paige as another option; we would need to be sure that his operation has adequate insurance.

Real Bard called Peggy about burying a cremation urn on his double plot. He was to inform her when this would occur so that she could alert Green Mountain Mowing so they wouldn't be mowing while the interment was happening. However although he did not call, the burial seems to have taken place. We need to ask Mr. Bard to make a diagram of where in the plot the urn is buried.

Diann Ward contacted Rita and Eleanor about installing a monument on their family plot for Steve and herself. They are planning cremation burials. Eleanor viewed the plot with Diann and put in sticks to indicate where Diann wants the monument to go. Eleanor shared with her a copy of our new, yet to be approved, bylaws. The placement looks fine.

Vershire Center cemetery: Peggy received an email from Katrina Monzon, a teacher at the Mountain School, whose students are interested in the cemetery and want to do something to help with its maintenance. Peggy plans to meet with them one late afternoon at the cemetery. She will let Eleanor and Rita know when this will be in hopes one or both of them can come as well.

Next meeting Thursday Oct. 13th 2 PM Town center. Meeting adjourned at 3: 25.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret H. Darrow
Vershire Cemetery Trustee