

Vershire Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes, July 6, 2023, Town Center

The meeting came to order at 2:05. Present Peggy (Margaret) Darrow, Eleanor Zue and Rita French

Village Cemetery:

Billy Hodge called Rita to say that Friday morning he will dig the grave for Joanne Fuller in the Village Cemetery; the burial will take place later that day. After this meeting we will go to the cemetery to make sure the grave site is obvious. Peggy has emailed Green Mountain Mowing to alert them that a burial is taking place there on Friday. A correction to last month's meeting minutes. The funeral director responsible for this burial is Nick Whitcomb, not Wickman, from Hooker and Whitcomb funeral home in Barre.

We have heard nothing from Bill Murphy about taking down trees in the Village Cemetery and the Vershire Center cemetery although he has already taken down trees for the town. Eleanor will call him again.

South Vershire cemetery

Finishing the fence: Rita reports that we have enough lumber for about 18 posts. We need 6 posts for the Bedel lot so we have 12 posts left to extent the fence. We discussed whether to fence the whole length of the cemetery along the road or to put in bushes or some combination of the two. We decided we want to do a combination, but we will visit the cemetery to review the terrain and decide where we want fence (if we want fence) and where bushes. Spirea has been suggested as an appropriate bush. One issue is how difficult it will be to dig holes for bushes and another is the need to water bushes once they are planted. There is no source of water at the cemetery.

Mapping a cremation burials: We do not have sketch maps of the two recent cremation burials in this cemetery, i.e., that of Michael Fitch on May 20 and Edith Davis on June 10. Rita has looked at the relevant plots but is not sure where the cremation urns were buried. She will check this out.

Catholic cemetery: We haven't heard from Green Valley memorials about when they intend to do the restoration work here. Not surprising since it has been raining nearly every day. Peggy will check with them and also ask if they have any odd or damaged (seconds) corner stones that they could give us or sell to us inexpensively. We would like to have a set of four to mark out new grave plots so that owners know where the corner stones should be put.

Next meeting will be on Aug 10
The meeting adjourned at 2:40

Respectfully submitted