

*Cemetery Trustee Meeting
Minutes
April 29, 2015*

*Present at meeting: Len Harten, Mary Dickson, Steve Trombly, Ricky Riendeau,
Chris Anton, Troy Swanick*

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mary Dickson.

1. Nominations for chairman were taken. Steve Trombly nominated Mary Dickson for chairman. Len Harten seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
2. Minutes from the 01/23/15 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Steve Trombly to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Len Harten. All in favor.
3. Mary Dickson advised that the balance of the Right to Inter Fund as of the end of December 2014 was \$74,369.04.
4. It was brought up by Len that the gates at Riverside and West Street cemeteries were not being opened and closed as they should be. This is a police department function (time permitting). Chris said he would talk to Captain Frye about it.
5. Troy gave an overview of the graves available for possible forfeiture in North Yard Cemetery. There are 36 possible graves. A list will be compiled and once that is done the ad will be placed in the Milford Cabinet for 2 weeks.
6. Len wanted to revisit the issue with water at Riverside Cemetery. It was explained that we spent \$4,100 on water in Riverside last year and most of it is unaccounted for. Len wanted to know if it was possible to find out where the leaks were so they could be repaired. Ricky said there are usually 4 or 5 leaks that we know about per year and each year there appear to be more. Troy added that there is a spot on the top of the hill that has a patch every 10 feet. Ricky advised that the whole system should be removed and replaced with new line. Len asked if we could just continue to patch. Chris said there are breaks everywhere so continuing to patch really isn't feasible. Steve offered that only having one spigot in Riverside might be problematic because there are so many people wanting to use the water. Len wanted to know if we could leave some of the spigots on and turn the others off but you can't do that because the system was installed without any shutoffs. Len wanted to be noted on record that he is opposed to turning off the water in Riverside and only having one available spigot. Chris reminded him that he

wasn't opposed to it in January when we discussed the issue and made the decision. Len advised that he didn't remember having that discussion. Steve suggested we leave the water off (with the one working spigot) and see how many complaints we get – meanwhile trying to come up with some sort of solution. Chris advised that he would try to run more than one spigot but he needs to do some research first to see if it's even feasible.

7. The last item was a question from Len about removal of shrubs from the cemetery. He stated that he had heard that we were removing all of the shrubs from the cemetery. Chris advised him that we would only be removing shrubs that were overgrown and/or dead.
8. As there was no further business to discuss, Steve made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Len. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Mary V. Dickson
May 4, 2015