

## Minutes of Washington Cemetery Trustees' Meeting

**Date:** April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Phil Barker (chair), Kevin Lawrence and Kitty West (bookkeeper)

**Minutes Approved:** Minutes were approved for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as corrected.

### Old Business:

We submitted a an article for the 2017 Town Warrant: *“To see if the Town will vote, under RSA 289-2-a, to deposit all funds from the sale of Rights of Interment with the Trustees of Trust Funds for the maintenance of cemeteries.”* It was not put in the warrant. We resubmitted the same article for this year’s warrant, and again, it was not put in. When Kitty approached a selectman about it, she was told that the selectmen have the right to withhold an article from the Town Warrant.

At the 2018 Town Meeting, the Town voted *“that the highway agent. . . have charge of, under the direction of the selectmen, care of. . . cemeteries.”* When Kitty brought to the attention of one of the selectmen that this included the two graveyards, she was told, “No way! It says mowing.” It does not say mowing; it says, *“care of.”*

Kitty typed up our findings of the cemetery walk thru and gave copies to Phil and Kevin.

### New Business:

We have a full burial scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>, and an ash interment for May 9<sup>th</sup>, in the New Center Cemetery

Charlene Eastman phoned on Thursday, April 12th, requesting a receipt for the cemetery lot she and Ken bought. We mailed her a copy of her Right to Inter showing her check attached.

Our Cemetery Trustee Handbook has been updated and copies distributed to the trustees. A copy of this year’s budget was also handed out.

We voted to go to a selectmen’s meeting and ask for \$20 per hour pay for fixing leaning monuments to save the Town money, instead of hiring it out at \$125 or more per monument. It would require at least a day’s work for two people, time wise.

Kitty typed a letter to the selectmen addressing cemetery maintenance. Phil made some changes to the letter. Kitty will retype and post it.

We voted to cancel any work agreement with Stone Vault for monument repairs. Phil will see Si tomorrow.

We discussed and would like to make a return driveway across the New Section of the New Center Cemetery, below the mowed area. We will request the funding for 2019.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:12 p.m.

Bookkeeper,  
Kitty West