



CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 24, 2010

3:30 pm

ROOM B

AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING

Present: Isabelle Atwood (Chair), Rudy Favretti, Mary Landeck, Jane Reinhardt

Staff present: Lon Hultgren, Mary Stanton, Carolyn Stearns (Sexton)

- Mr. Favretti moved and Ms. Landeck seconded to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2009 meeting as presented. The motion to approve passed unanimously.
- New member Jane Reinhardt was welcomed to the Committee
- Restorations – Ms. Landeck has had several conversations with Jonathan Appell regarding restoration of the brown monolith in the Mansfield Center Cemetery and will continue to call him to set up an appointment. The Sexton will work with Kenny Pelletier from Quintana's to repair identified stones in a number of cemeteries. Mr. Favretti will stake the couple of stones in the Riverside Burial Ground which need attention.
- Maintenance – Mr. Hultgren sent a letter to the maintenance crew which takes care of the Mount Hope, Gurleyville and Gurley Cemeteries reminding them to be careful not to damage the monuments. Mr. Hultgren will send a letter outlining the work for this year and will reference his earlier cautionary letter. Ms. Landeck noted that the Mansfield Center Cemetery will need loam as there are deep ruts which need to be addressed. Mr. Hultgren will send a letter to Mr. Clark reminding him to lay down planks when the ground is wet.
- Riverside Burying Ground – Members reviewed the “Rules and Regulations for Mansfield Center Cemetery, Pink Ravine Cemetery and Riverside Burying Ground.” The suggestions offered will be incorporated into the document. The Town Clerk will check with the Town Manager regarding the need for the fees to receive Town Council approval.
- Sexton Report – Ms. Stearns requested guidance from the Committee regarding the opening of Section D in the Mansfield Center Cemetery. By consensus the Committee agreed the Engineering Department would assist in writing a draft request for quotation and bids from local surveyors will be solicited. Ms. Stearns suggested the brochure be placed on the Town's website when finalized. The Sexton updated the Committee on the Mansfield Center Congregational Church's plans for their 300th year celebration which includes decorating the graves of early founders and ministers for Memorial Day and the development of a story-map indicating where the Church has touched the community.

- Jacob Cemetery – Ms. Atwood and Mr. Favretti will contact Bruce Clouette to seek advice on the cost of identifying vacant burial areas in the Jacob Cemetery. Ms. Stearns will contact Ernie Staebner to see if any records exist for the Jacob Cemetery.
- Bollinger Request – Members agreed to suggest to the Bollingers that they might add their son's name to the existing bench but were not in favor of adding an additional bench. The Sexton will contact them. Language prohibiting the addition of benches and other objects was added to the rules for the cemeteries
- The next meeting will be held on June 23, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 P M

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk