



CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES
June 17, 2015
3:30 pm
ROOM C
AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING

Present: Rudy Favretti (Chair), Barry Burnham, Win Hawkins, Jeanne Mogayzel, Mark Mogayzel, Jane Reinhardt
Staff present: John Carrington (Director of Public Works), Amy Meriwether (Treasurer), Mary Stanton (Town Clerk), Mary Landeck (Sexton),

Chair Rudy Favretti called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

1. Discussion of Finances
 - A. Meriwether provided a detail report on the revenues and expenditures of the Cemetery Committee to date and the budget proposed for FY 2015/16. Members discussed the investment losses in 2011 which decreased the fund balance substantially.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - B. Burnham moved and J. Mogayzel seconded to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Sexton's Report
 - M. Landeck summarized her written report, the following points were noted:
 - The Sessions Cemetery is in much better shape since dead trees have been removed and animal waste cleaned up.
 - The wall in front of the Gurley Cemetery is in need of attention. J. Carrington will provide a scope of work for the next meeting which will include addressing the drainage problems. Members discussed the possibility of applying for grants for the work as it will probably be extensive. The Chair provided a 2004 document outlining a quote for the rebuilding of this same wall showing it has been deteriorating for some time.
4. Cremation Scattering Areas in Mansfield Center and Gurley Cemetery
Members agreed that there is not an appropriate location for a scattering area in the Gurley Cemetery. Further discussion of a scattering area in the New Mansfield Center Cemetery will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. Restoration Plans for 2015/16
Jonathan Appell has submitted a gravestone preservation proposal. B. Burnham moved and M. Mogayzel seconded to approve the expenditure to repair the

gravestones and monuments in the Old Mansfield Center Cemetery as proposed by Johnathan Appell. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Favretti discussed possible grant opportunities as the cemetery in on the National Registry of Historic Places.

The next time M. Landeck and B. Burnham walk the cemeteries the Committee will schedule a special field trip meeting so all members may participate.

6. Maintenance

The contracts have been signed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Stanton, Town Clerk