

Cemetery Commission on October 22, 2024

Donna Petterssen, Nancy Ellen, Alice Sky, Joe Mangan (sexton), Marge Christie

Donna and Marge share what they learned about green burials at Vermont Forest Cemetery in Roxbury. The Forest Cemetery is open for visiting and tours are available.

We discuss Plainfield procedures for green burial. What support our sexton Joe Mangan offers, what options are for markers/memorials, and how to reserve a plot in a Plainfield cemetery. In case of deaths when the ground is frozen, Joe recommends the body is stored in the vault at Green Mountain cemetery and then buried in Plainfield when ground conditions allow.

Nancy, our Treasurer, now has access to our investment account. She is paying the electricity bill, the sexton services, mowing, and other contractors. Thank you, Nancy! Alice is curious about ROI over the past ten years.

We agree to pay Foxfire \$3,055 for removing two decrepit maples near the gate of Center Cemetery (on Bartlett Rd).

We discuss the landscape design provided by Nicko Rubin and agree to pay him \$100 for design. He recommends planting oak trees for their longevity and ecological value.

Regarding the bumpy asphalt path at Plainmont Cemetery, we ask Joe to follow-up with finding a contractor for mend it. Perhaps leaving the asphalt and covering it with gravel?

We approve Joe to sell equipment from the tractor shed at Plainmont. All money received will go into our investment account.

We agree to pay Joe \$3,780 to upright 47 fallen stones at the Center Cemetery on Bartlett Rd.

We discuss the fallen stones in Village cemetery. Wet and sinking ground conditions cause instability.