

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Plainfield met on Wednesday December 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Plainfield Fire Station

Commissioners Present: Dave Spence, Greg Light, Karla Haas Moskowitz, and Ed Hutchinson. Also present was Dale Bartlet

The minutes of the October meeting were approved

Old Business

The monument repairs on seven larger monuments in the village cemetery were completed by the Sexton. Additional money from the \$1500 approved at the October meeting was used to straighten approximately a dozen other small stones.

No action has been taken to sell the Ford Truck.

New Business

The deed for the James/Goodall plot was approved to be signed by the commissioners in the presence of a notary (Linda).

The commissioners decided to use the same budget numbers as the prior budget. Most of the large expenses will be under continuing contracts and others are not very predictable.

- Narrative for the Town Report.

We should repeat items from last year's narrative. Again to thank Rich and Gaye for donating water from the Plainfield Hardware store. Perhaps not at the top of the narrative.

We are continuing to consider more permanent arrangements. One possibility would be to use a cistern or other tank to provide water (perhaps using rain collection). Greg will draft some language for inclusion in the Town report narrative.

We continued to straighten and repair monuments. This year vandalism contributed considerable damage, in addition to the usual natural issues.

We are continuing interest in Green Burials. The presentation by Lee Webster was a success, and much about the process was learned. We hope to solicit public opinions on the future of this possibility.

Karla agreed to write a narrative using some language from the prior year's Town Report and from Gregs, comments and information from this meeting.

- Trees at the Center Cemetery. Ed will consult with one or more tree specialists to help us decide what exactly to do about the one essentially dead tree and one that may be at risk of losing a large branch .

Our next meeting will be Wednesday January 18th 5:30 pm at the fire station.

We adjourned at 6:35.