

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
CEMETERY COMMISSION

Proposed meeting minutes

The Town of Plainfield Cemetery Commission met on Wednesday May 31, 2017 at 5:30pm at the Plainfield Fire Station

Commissioners Present: Paula Ackel, Greg Light, David Spence, and Ed Hutchinson. Also present were Timothy Devito , Allen Clarke, and Scott Hess.

The Minutes of the April 19 meeting were approved with name and other spelling corrections.

Old business was put off until later in the meeting so that new business could be heard first.

Allen Clark is interested in the possibility of "vacant" plots in the Bisson Cemetery. There is belief that there are unmarked graves and that there are probably not any empty spaces. However Allan has an acquaintance that has archaeological equipment that is able to use ground penetrating radar to locate objects without disturbing the earth. He asked if the commission would object to the use of this equipment (without cost) to do some investigation, perhaps locating memorial monuments that have become buried. The process might locate unused plots. The commissioners had no objection, so Allen will proceed with a plan to investigate the site. I will send a list of the commissioners' email addresses to Allen so that he can keep us informed of any progress on this project. We would like the opportunity to observe the actual process of ground scanning and it should be coordinated with the sexton and the mowers. Allen left after this issue was finished.

Ed introduced a friend, Scott Hess who is a resident of East Montpelier. Ed invited Scott to listen to the financial discussion and speak if there was no objection. Scott is not a financial advisor but has considerably more experience in these matters than perhaps most people.

Tim DeVito (our Financial Advisor from Edward Jones) presented the current status of the funds we have invested and made recommendations. It is apparent that a more diversified investment strategy would serve our needs better than the current portfolio. Scott asked several pertinent questions and helped broaden our understanding of the changes that are being proposed by Timothy. Scott expressed explicitly that he is not a financial advisor and thus can not offer any advice. However, he agreed with the assessment and the type of proposal Timothy was advising. After considerable discussion the commissioners agreed that Timothy should proceed to work with Linda to make appropriate adjustments to the investments according to the suggestions he made. We will plan to meet with

Timothy quarterly to assess how the new strategy is working. A next meeting with Timothy would be toward the end of August. Timothy and Scott left after this discussion.

We have received a "Gift Card" to be redeemable at the Wayside Restaurant from the East Montpelier Gully Jumpers Snowmobile Club, Inc, in the amount of \$15 . We considered how it might be used. Greg suggested giving it to Rich and Gaye as a thank you for letting the cemetery use water from the Hardware Store. That seemed like a good idea and we approved.

Ed reported that the Tree work at the Bartlett Cemetery has been completed

The proposed purchase of lot 124 in Plain-Mont Cemetery by Audra Burroughs of Marshfield was approved and commissioners will drop by the Town Clerk office to sign the deed and have the signatures notarized.

Warrants for periods ended 4/21, 5/17, and 5/30 needed some signatures. The warrants were reviewed and signed.

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 21, 2017. If weather permits we will meet at the fire station, make a tour of cemeteries beginning with the Bison Cemetery, and then return to the fire station for any formal business that is required.

With no additional business the meeting adjourned at 6:40