Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting January 18, 2022 at 7 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Attending: Betsy Taylor-Kennedy, Brenda Baum, Donald Baum

Minutes for previous meetings, 1-15-21, 3-11-21, 5-13-21, 10-13-21, 12-14-21 were reviewed and voted approved. Copies were forwarded to the town clerk.

A discussion was held about updating the web page, to include a contact number for burials, to be the DPW office, 978—779-6402, update phone listings of Committee members.

We discussed lot costs, as we presently do not charge for burial plots and only (unofficially) ask for a donation to the Perpetual Care Fund. We decided to compare to other towns and set a proposed price next meeting. We will also decide how to proceed with funding Perpetual Care.

We voted to add directional signs to South Cemetery driveways, entrance on one and exit on the other.

We discussed areas for green burial, to include a portion of "new" West Cemetery nearest the school, a portion of "new" Pan, and possibly the Frye cemetery on Berlin Rd.

We reminded ourselves to pursue tree addition to the edge of Pan cemetery as a buffer from 495.

We will finalize a plan to present to the Selectmen concerning Green burials, Rules updates, Lot costs and Burial Costs.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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