

**Minutes  
Cemetery Trustees  
19 December 2013**

Present: Chairperson Craig Evans, Trustee John Nelson, Selectman Rich Zacher, and Dick Peckham

The meeting was called to order at 19:00.

Discussion: There was no explicit agenda for the meeting this evening. Several topics relative to the current town cemetery and the future town cemetery were discussed. The following topics were discussed:

Current State of the cemeteries:

- Craig Evans was asked to chair the cemetery trustees and he accepted. Craig announced the meeting of the cemetery trustees and took control of the meeting. Craig also received the box of Cemetery Trustees files, handed over from Marilyn Bushman through John Nelson. The files will be stored in the town vault.
- Marilyn's recent resignation was noted and appreciation for her service was expressed. Craig asked the Board of Selectmen, through Mr. Zacher, to give the remaining two trustees till the first BOS meeting in January to submit name(s) of possible candidates to fill the remainder of Marilyn's position, through 2015.
- The Trustees reviewed the circumstances surrounding the most recent burial in the town cemetery in July, 2013.
- The cemetery policy as established by the cemetery trustees this October does not have to be signed by the Selectmen according to RSA under Section 289:7 - Powers and Duties, "...all cemetery trustees in the state shall: (a) Adopt bylaws and regulations for their transaction of business and for the establishment and management of all municipal cemeteries within their responsibility."
- There are no known existing records of the burial plots in the town cemetery.

Projected goals of the cemetery trustees:

- The Trustees encourage the Board of selectmen to continue in their pursuit of finding an appropriate piece of land for a new town cemetery for future burials and to fulfill the requirements of the RSAs.
- The immediate goal at hand is to tighten up the policy regarding who can be buried in the current town cemetery. The cemetery trustees must provide a clear definition of who can be buried in the town cemetery besides the two individuals

who have already made arrangements for burials with their spouses, whose interment have already taken place.

- The Trustees need to continue the work already undertaken this fall in drafting a proposed policy for any new town cemetery.
- Craig suggested that the trustees explore regulating future burials in the town cemetery to be limited only to cremains. There was a brief discussion and a vote will be taken at a future meeting. Craig also suggested establishing guidelines for headstones in the current town cemetery; this topic will be pursued in future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:57