

Town of Brookfield Cemetery Trustees

Minutes – 27 August 2015

Attendance: Craig Evans, Judy Lewis, Trustees
Trustee Rick Surette excused
Rich Zacher, Bill Nelson, Selectmen
David Newman, Christine Brudevold, Members of the Public

- Noticed meeting convened at 7 pm in the meeting room with the Pledge of Allegiance
 - Minutes of 9 July 2015 were accepted with no corrections;
 - Bill Nelson expressed concerns about continuing with this project and wondered whether it was more appropriate to bow out at this point. He expressed his concerns about what appears to him to be an extensive and expensive excavation of the site to make a suitable cemetery. He wonders whether we should find a more suitable lot to purchase that requires less excavation. Discussion focused around the efforts of the past several years to find suitable land and a brief review of the efforts made. The trustees present indicated a desire to proceed and acknowledged that since the Board of Selectmen are the purchasers of the property they certainly have the power to choose not to proceed.
 - David Newman and Christine Brudevold, summer residents for many years on Kingswood Lake, attended the meeting to express their thoughts and wishes regarding any residency requirements that might become policy for the new cemetery. Both trustees expressed their unofficial thoughts regarding a fairly liberal interpretation of any residency requirements that might be policy for the new cemetery. Mr. Newman and Ms. Brudevold were assured that they would be kept informed regarding the progress on this part of the regulations and policies for the new cemetery.
 - The Trustees voted to accept the survey plan as proposed by White Mountain Survey – Option 1. Craig will notify the company by email tonight for final preparation of the survey plats and a description of the boundaries for the town lawyer to be used in deed preparation.

- Since one of the trustees was absent for this meeting, the remaining two trustees decided to make no policy decisions but to hold informal discussion tonight addressing thoughts on the following topics: cost of plots; residency requirements; cremains section separate from full casket; memorial garden; right to inter, and other related topics.
- The CIP committee has requested a projection for the next five years for the capital expenses expected by the Cemetery Trustees. For FY 2016, we will submit an amount of \$20,000 for excavation and layout of the first section of the new cemetery, and an additional \$10,000 for FY 2020, in anticipation of further expansion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig F. Evans