

## Minutes – Cemetery Commission Meeting

Wednesday Oct 9, 2024 In attendance: Kathy Johnston, Neil Humphrey & Avis Hayden

Topics discussed:

1. Old Business: Cornerstones for DiMonda and Waite. Neil will follow up.
2. Work order from Cassan for August was signed, which included their work to clear about 10' of brush at the far side of the Lawrence Cemetery.
3. The \$90,000 Certificate of Deposit has matured. Commissioners approved withdrawing the interest and reinvesting the principal. Asked Town Clerk to find the best rate.
4. Commissioners agreed that the interest income would be used to repair headstones at the Lawrence Cemetery. Will contact Mark Shea in the springtime to determine stones most in need of repair and a price to fix.
5. Commissioners will apply to Vermont Old Cemetery Association for a matching fund grant.
6. Commissioners voted to remove the two trash barrels at Ira Allen Cemetery. Although placed there for the convenience of those who visit gravesites, they have been abused by people putting personal trash in them. Have asked Cassan's to empty and deliver to town shed.
7. Picnic table at Ira Allen Cemetery will be delivered to Town Offices. It causes difficulty in mowing and sometimes people move it on top of gravesites.
8. Commissioners made changes to the Cemetery Rules (posted on line) regarding flowers (real / artificial) and other ornaments – to make this rule consistent with what is posted on the sign at the cemetery.
9. Item of Information: Green Cremation (using alkaline hydrolysis) will be starting operations in Bennington sometime in January 2025.
10. Item of Information: Town of Barre is seeking to put their Maplewood Cemetery on the National Register of Historic Places.
11. Held over from last month: Commissioners need to mark out all burial plots on the paper maps we use so none of those impacted by the change in road location will get sold.

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 900 am at the Town Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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