

ACTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

26 APRIL 2018

The Acton Cemetery Committee meeting was held at the Acton Town Hall at 5:05PM. Committee members present: Lois Michaud, Rollin Waterhouse, Steve Parello, Jay Carter and Tracey Levasseur. There were no members of the public present.

Steve placed an order for new flags and many new holders, from multiple wars. The order will be delivered to Town Hall and Jen will let us know when they arrive.

The final step for the budget is the town meeting scheduled for June 16. Lois and Rollin are going, and there are no problems expected for its passage.

Tracey and Jay met with Jen in regards to the committee's website, which is about 50% complete. Currently there is a problem with loading photos.

The Acton videographer, Virginia Deboer, has volunteered to record the Newfield Murders event at the historical society. Once editing is complete, it will be available for view on Acton Public Access Channel 26 on YouTube.

The May 19 MOCA meeting will be held in Waterboro, but it is unsure if anyone will be able to attend.

A Springclean up was held at Town Hall, with 9 people showing up. One person from the church helped out by having their truck available to haul refuse away and two others from town assisted. There was a visible difference after a couple of hours.

It was learned that there are now three people running for town selectman. If Rollin wins, he is able to serve as selectman and also be on the cemetery committee. If he wins, he is unsure if he will do both roles.

There are stirrings of new development along Town Farm Rd. Around \$100K worth of timber can be harvested, and improvements of the road must be made before heavy equipment and vehicles can go down the road. Our concern is for the cemeteries that have been rumored to be on both sides of the road, in the vicinity of the old Town Farm. More research will have to be done before this new development happens, so as to not lose those cemeteries to any work that will be done. A cousin of Lis might know where these cemeteries are. The Town Forester won't be able to do anything until after the June town meeting, and the logging plan could be done by late fall/early winter. It is believed that it will be a year before any actual work happens on Town Farm Rd.

Tracey updated us on ground cover. Periwinkle and phlox are both non-poisonous to animals and humans. Phlox prefers sunny conditions while periwinkle can thrive in both the sun and in the shade. Periwinkle is also invasive. Both plants bloom for a couple of weeks with colorful flowers, then turn green for the rest of the season. A dozen phlox costs \$5 and 2 dozen periwinkle cost \$5, per an online site that Tracey has looked at. She placed an order for them, and we'll see how big they are and how large they will grow out. She also checked with her local greenhouse for other options if the online

route is not good. It was decided that the perpetual funds from the 6 town-owned cemeteries could be used for ground cover there.

Rollin said that he will donate a sprayer, to help with disbursing Wet & Forget.

Jay is still looking for a stump grinder and is still following up on getting a trailer.

Steve will email out the latest volunteer and cemetery and owners lists.

With all veteran flags to be in place by Memorial Day, flagging will begin on April 27. Flags will be split up, with members responsible for different cemeteries. Tracey and Jay said that they will take care of Maple Grove and the Bracketts on Orchard Rd and Milton Mills Rd.

The next meeting will be held at Acton Town Hall on 24 May 2018 at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.