

## ACTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

26 MAY 2018

The Acton Cemetery Committee meeting was held at the Acton Town Hall at 5:00PM. Committee members present: Lois Michaud, Rollin Waterhouse, Steve Parello, Jay Carter and Tracey Levasseur. There were no members of the public present.

10 new flag holders were ordered through Jen Roux and once received were put out by Steve. Old ones are being reused and refurbished to replace generic veteran flag holders when it is feasible.

Funding becomes unavailable in June due to the budget freeze, so any expenses before July must be made before June 1. If anything needs to be bought, Steve or Lois will handle it.

There is one photo on the website, and Steve will give Tracey a thumb drive with all photos that he has.

The Watson Ceremony from July 2017 and the Newfield Murders presentation videos are now available on APAT and YouTube.

As of the May meeting, no ground cover had been delivered. Once they arrive, Tracey will determine if their condition is good and can be ordered next year, or if we should buy locally.

Jay had no more information on the stump grinder, and the trailer purchase is still on hold. The value needed to be gotten from the owner. Jen suggested that Jay purchase the trailer and then the committee can borrow it as needed. If the committee buys the trailer, then there will be a liability issue.

By Memorial Day, all veteran graves were flagged, except for Samuel Perkins, in the Perkins Cemetery. The Perkins Cemetery wasn't "found" until June, with the help of Wes Ham.

MOCA held a class on May 19 but no one was able to go. Tracey, Jay and Steve were able to go to a MOCA cleaning class on June 4 at Massabesic Adult Ed. The hands-on portion was on June 9 but no one could attend.

Lois and Steve attempted to find the Town Farm Rd cemetery, with no luck. The foundation of the Town Farm was discovered though, and the rumor is that the cemetery is very close by.

ASHS held a cemetery cleanup on June 16 at the Dame Cemetery on Rt 109. Follow on work was done for a couple of days later and a huge improvement was made.

The Maple Grove Association held a meeting at the South Baptist Church on June 9. Lois is the President of the association.

Vandalism was reported at cemeteries in Lebanon and Shapleigh within the last few years, so we need to maintain vigilance in our area.

Town Hall received a request for information about the Keefe family, interred at the Bragg-Sanborn Cemetery. The request was forwarded to Lois, who got in touch with Steve. Chester Keefe's father

would like to be buried in the family plot, and even though there is space there, he needs to talk with the Bragg family. Is there a deed for the Keefe family? Rollin will contact Claire Bragg and get information on who actually owns the cemetery.

It was determined that no formal meeting of the committee will be held during the summer months, and that the next meeting will take place in September. If anything of interest or importance comes up, the members can contact each other.

The next meeting will be held at Acton Town Hall on 27 September 2018 at 5 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.