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Cemetery Committee Meeting

Date: May 31, 2016

Time: 3:15 pm.

Place: Airport Conference Room

Attendees: Linda Campbell, Dave Manzo, Francis Megno, Joel Neal, Jim Nyman, Ralph Soucier.

- *Reviewed last year's Cemetery activity. Average about 70-80 burials/year. More cremations than traditional burials.*
- *Discussed the problem with Rose Chafer Beetles, and quote from Green Thumb to spray for pest control. Quote was \$5,500.00. The committee members recommend to the Town Council that we spray for Grubs, loam & seed the areas that are affected. Seems to be the area on the west side of the Cemetery that is being affected the most. We will have to determine where the money will come from. We had an article in the local paper to inform the residents of our situation last week.*
- *Reviewed Cemetery Rules and Fee structure. We increased the fees in 2012 by \$50.00. The committee members feel comfortable with the fees at this time with no increases.*
- *Talked about the new mower.*
- *Need to update the burial list on the WEB Site.*
- *On-going issue with trees and shrubs not being maintained. We have worked with several families to remove the over grown shrubs. We will continue.*

Action Items:

1. *Ralph is looking into a possible solution for the Beetle problem. Will be discussed with the council in future for direction.*
2. *No burials will occur on a Holiday.*
3. *We need direction from the council for a surcharge for burials being scheduled after regular working hours of the cemetery crew, recommended by the cemetery committee.*
4. *Ralph will work on shrub problem to pursue slowly with the grave owners. We will start addressing with the worst ones first moving forward. Contact will be made first to get consent from the owners.*
5. *Committee would like a rule change in the Rules for Visitors Section, to allow Motorcycles and Bicycles into the Cemetery. We feel that this is a form of transportation that people use now days more frequently. Snowmobiles will still not be allowed. We will need to update our sign at the Cemetery Entrance when this happens.*
6. *Linda Campbell and Mike Hartley have been working to update the records and maps at the cemetery. This will provide an accurate inventory for the town which is*

being shared with the town clerk Roxanne Johnson for record keeping. This is a lot of work and is appreciated very much for their efforts.

- 7. The Cemetery Committee recognizes that the Cemetery Maintenance Crew does an outstanding job keeping up with all the burials and maintaining the grass which covers over 25 acres.*

*Ralph Soucier
Public Works Director*