

Brookline VT. Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
Wednesday July 8, 2020
6:30 outside at the Riverside Cemetery on Hill Road

Members present : Howard Osgood, Cynthia Nau, Doug Wellman and Dot Maggio
Mike Winot called in his regrets.

Cynthia Nau called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Dot Maggio reminded the committee that the next meeting will have on its agenda to approve the minutes from March 12, 2018 as well as the minutes from the July 8, 2020 meeting. Selecting the chair and clerk should also be on the agenda.

Howard Osgood led everyone over to the fence line on the North side of the cemetery. The fence and several tombstones were covered by the branches of the Hemlock trees planted on Rebecca Whitney's property. Howard and Doug discussed cutting back just the branches and the possibility of removing the whole row of Hemlock. Howard has spoken to Rebecca Whitney and she was supportive of giving a work crew access through her yard to do the clean up work along the North fence.

Next, the commissioners walked along the Western border of the cemetery. This land is owned by the Dutton Family. There is not as much work to do along this back end of the cemetery but clearing up to and maybe a few feet behind the fence would be needed. Howard pointed out that people who drive their car around the cemetery are going off of the road because of the overgrown area. The fence line to the North of the cemetery is not as grown up so it would require less clean up.

Finally a brief discussion about removing the trash can that is kept roadside. It is full of potting soil and floral pieces left by visitors to a gravesite. Howard will remove the barrel and if needed a sign can be placed to "leave no trash please".

The commissioners would like to invite Bloom Enterprises and Winot Work to provide estimates on the clean up project. Both property management companies have current contracts with the Town of Brookline and are insured.

Howard Osgood offered to make himself available to walk the fence lines in order to describe what needs to be done to any interested party. Dot Maggio offered to contact Rebecca Whitney and Joseph Dutton, the adjacent landowners to give them an opportunity to meet with Howard before a RFP was drawn up for Bloom Enterprises and Winot Work.

Once we have the adjacent property owners permission, a draft RFP will be sent to the commissioners for approval before being mailed out.

A meeting will be warned to review the proposals and to approve previous meetings minutes.

The meeting was adjourned by Cynthia Nau at 7:18 pm. Dot Maggio seconded the motion

Respectfully submitted by: Dorothy Maggio July 11, 2020