

Meeting: Lanesborough Cemetery Commission

Date: March 5, 2015

Location: Town Library, Main Street

Chairperson: Mary Rielly

Secretary: Amy Szczepaniak

In Attendance: All members in attendance. Mary Reilly, John Goerlach, and Amy Szczepaniak.

Agenda: A report was given by chairperson Mary Reilly about the meeting with the finance committee. The subject was concerning level funding. Before that discussion began, the finance committee asked about repairs to Center Cemetery. Mary advised 42 repairs were made with more to follow weather permitting. Finance Committee wanted an increase of fees for purchasing a lot in Mt. View Cemetery. Mary answered with question of why – as we don't retain the fees. She explained we (Cemetery Committee) had hoped to build that fund for repairs and improvements. Finance Committee could not understand why we couldn't keep the funds. Mary had stated that it was voted on and accepted at a town meeting that all fees would go to general fund. Finance Committee wasn't aware of this. Finance Committee has decided to look into this matter for reversal of ruling. The purpose of this change is to become self-sustaining once again.

Repairs: The committee has not been back in touch with Rich Atwood of Grave Stone Matters during the winter month. The last conversation indicated that he had an extremely busy fall, however we are still on the list and he will be back. The existing plan consists of completing Center Cemetery and continuing to Talcot.

Signs for cemeteries: The celebration of Lanesborough's 250th birthday will include a historic tour. The historical places must be marked. The committee planning this tour has offered to purchase these signs. Pettibone, Center, and Talcott will be marked with new signs. Measurements, style, and color were discussed. The question's submitted to the Cemetery Commission were as follows: Is the Committee willing to have signs? Committee answered yes, please pick style. Committee discussed that all three must match; camel backs will be the style. They will present name, date and founded if it can be located. Center Cemetery will have

separate signs postings the names of famous people who are at peace there.

Action: Motion made by Mary Reilly, and seconded by John Goerlach, all in favor. Mary to request the planning committee to purchase 3 camel back signs for three of the town cemeteries.

Motion made by Mary Reilly, and seconded by Amy Szczepaniak, all in favor. All signs will have at minimum name of cemetery and date. Note: If date can be found. Mary will suggest the second sign to Mr. Barton for Center Cemetery.

Review of Meeting: Chair asked if there were any questions – all members responded with a no answer. However there was a very brief discussion on the collection of some accounts for Mt. View Cemetery. Amy assured group that a few have not purchased yet even though application has been made. At this time this is not a problem as we have room for choices to be made. There was another brief discussion of a cremation burial spot such as a niche or columbarium.

Action: Motion made to adjourn by John Goerach and Amy Szczepaniak seconded. Adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Amy Szczepaniak