

Guilford Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 17, 2022

Meeting began at 9:32

Members present: Eric Morse, Nancy Detra, Verandah Porche, Kyle Parker

Member absent: Carol Schnabel

Approved minutes from last meeting.

New Business: We welcomed Kyle and learned of his love of the community, familiarity with Maplehurst and Elmhurst cemeteries, interest in history.

Old Business:

- 1) Eric told us that there are a total of 44 granite posts at Maplehurst. We have some extra posts as well that could be used if necessary. First we need to, when the frost is out of the ground, determine whether any of the posts should be reset or replaced. Wayside can set posts. He saw a cemetery in Waitsfield where a similar fence exists; the posts have eyebolts that go all the way through them and a single chain fed through all. The eyebolts are on the road side of the posts there. He said Abbiati could drill the holes; Kyle said he could also do it, as his family's company has the right tools.
- Eric identified a company in Ohio that makes decorative chain and eyebolts specifically for cemeteries. He will get estimates from Abbiati for drilling (we have still to decide who will do the work), and from the Ohio company, Hoover Monuments, for chain and bolts. Quiklinks too?  
Eric indicated that we have approximately \$7,500 in our budget.  
Kyle said he could experiment on some spare granite to determine what materials to use. Kyle and Eric offered to work out the details on this project and see it through.

2) We discussed our document or guide for the commission's procedures and policies. We talked about whether the document should include a policy for people handing unused plots on in families and agreed that any transaction must come before the commission, whether we needed to mention our policy around providing lots for indigents. Eric said he was fine with the document saying pretty much what we've already outlined. He recommended we discuss the actual producing and printing of the pamphlets, which could be at the town office. We agreed that the pamphlet should be user friendly with even a touch of humor. Verandah and Nancy offered to complete the text with Carol's help, and Nancy said she'd do a rough layout for us to look at at our next meeting. She would consult with Penny and/or Peder on this.  
Verandah will look at our page on the town website to make sure pamphlet and page are consistent. Kyle summarized what might be included in the pamphlet: title tagline, mission statement, history of our cemeteries, FAQ, and contact information.

3) Eric enumerated the work he does on behalf of the commission. The town clerk refers people to him, and he responds to phone calls from them; also from Abbiati and Rodney Bell, who prepares plots. When someone is to be buried, he determines the location of a specific plot, checks the deed, collects money and delivers it and deed to town office;. He meets with people who want to buy a plot. He writes deeds, consistent with format of already existing deeds He also does mapping. Kyle offered to shadow Eric and learn how to do these jobs. Eric said he would be in touch with Kyle the next time he does some of this work.

4) Nancy said she had tried to make contact with Guilford School staff regarding students possibly visiting the cemeteries and/or helping with appropriate work, but no one has gotten back to her yet.

5) Eric has talked to Dick Clark about dealing with the fallen tree in Wilkins Cemetery; he has not heard back yet.

We adjourned at 10:44 am.