

GUILFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION - MEETING
Thursday, 16 June 2022, 9:30 am, Carpenter Cemetery, Guilford, VT

DRAFT MINUTES

CEMETERY COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Detra, Verandah Porche, Kyle Parker, Eric Morse, Carol Schnabel

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – The minutes were approved as submitted.
- III. New Business
 - a. Carol and Nancy reported on their walk with the Halifax Cemetery Commission. They went to 4 different cemeteries. Halifax is considering asking the state archeologist to use ground penetrating radar to try to locate where unmarked burials are located. The commission made flag holders using black plumbing pipe.
 - b. We assessed the condition of Carpenter Cemetery and discussed the Historical Society event on October 1. There will be an Open House at the Carpenter House in honor of its 250th anniversary and we may have someone from our group at the Cemetery.
 - c. We spoke about the maintenance costs of our cemeteries. Peter Hannan takes care of Blanchard, Carpenter, and Wilkens. Carol will check with Penny on who is taking care of which cemetery.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. We discussed how the placement of flags at the cemeteries went. It was suggested that when we need more flags we should look into ones made in the USA. We talked about getting flag holders. Kyle offered to look into prices for making them. Eric went to Stark Cemetery. There are about 16 stones. There were metal holders for flags. Weed whacking and lopping is needed.
 - b. We discussed getting signs for cemeteries to identify them. Kyle offered to get information on that.
 - c. Eric met with Charlie Marchant from Townshend. They are doing more cremations and green burials now. They have 2 active cemeteries. They only allow cremations in old cemeteries. They charge a fee for the burial and an hourly rate. A cast iron gate was stolen from the Oakwood Cemetery near the Common. They contacted the original company (Stewart's Ironworks, Cincinnati), who had the original order and made a copy!
 - d. The broken posts have been replaced in Maplehurst- the town received the bill from Evan at Wayside Fencing.
 - e. We should add to the brochure that corner markers are required upon purchase of a plot.
- V. Adjournment : The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

NEXT MEETING JULY 21 AT GROLL CEMETERY - STARK CEMETERY IN AUGUST