

STAMFORD CEMETERY COMMISSION

May 12, 2017

The commissioners met at the Stamford town office on May 12, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 1:50 PM by Sally Bohl, the existing chairperson. Present were Marylou Wright, Jan Farinon and Sheila Pecor. It was voted to keep the same positions on the board as previously with Sally Bohl as chairperson, Sheila Pecor as clerk and Marylou was nominated as the sub for clerk in Sheila's absence.

The minutes of the November 30, 2016 meeting were accepted as written by Marylou and seconded by Jan.

The investment which presently totals \$42,552.73 was discussed. It was noted that this money was used for repairs that exceeded the yearly maintenance amount of \$1000.00. Such repairs have included the wall around Houghton Cemetery, the repair of the Houghton monument, the vault roof and road at Millard Cemetery and tree removal at both cemeteries. We are presently looking at repairing the wall at Millard which will require the use of money from this fund. It was voted to move some of the money out of the money market to CD's at Mountainone Bank with \$4000.00 to a 2 year term, \$10,000 each to 3 and 4 year terms and \$12,000 to a 5 year term. The remaining amount will be kept available to cover the expense of repairing the wall at Millard and if any excess, it will be moved to a one year CD. This fund has been decreasing due to the cost of some of the necessary projects and doesn't require requests for town funding.

Sally, Marylou and Jan all agreed to be registrars and signed the necessary paperwork. It was decided that whoever was available would sign the deed for the sale of a lot.

As the commission cannot make a profit, the \$50.00 charge for the work and time involved in a funeral would go to the person taking charge. This involves meeting the digger to point out the location and the position in the lot, attending the funeral, filing the paperwork in the town office and filling in the cemetery map and the map in the computer. The person could donate it to the cemetery if they desired to do so. The commissioners are paid \$10.00 a year by the town.

We were reminded to meet with the Selectmen May 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Stanley Lawrence will take care of the spring clean up for Houghton Cemetery. The trees at the northern entrance to Millard were recently cut and trimmed by Cote, Stanley BBA Stash and the Boys. There are some ruts near the vault at Millard and Stanley Lawrence will be asked if he can fill them in. Other than that nothing else needs to be done as the flower pots and disposable items were picked up by the commissioners before winter.

Barry Berard will be contacted in regards to landscaping the corner by the pile of dirt and cutting brush to clean up the area.

The commissioners will meet with Steve Sprague of Vermont Stonework from Wilmington, VT on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 8:45 AM and Mountain Home Landscape from Williamstown, MA on May 19th at 10:45 at Millard Cemetery to get estimates on repairing the wall. Marylou will notify Beverly Lamore as the wall abuts her property.

It was noted that a lot was sold to Carla Fossier, a non-resident for \$400.00.

The commissioners agreed to meet at Millard on the 22nd at 1:00PM to put out the flags at the veteran's grave sites and then to proceed to Houghton for the same, weather permitting.

A letter was received from Nancy Bushika , chairperson of the Selectmen, regarding the Open Meeting Law stating that minutes must be available and uploaded to the computer within 5 days of the meeting. This includes posting them in 3 places and putting them in the All Board Meeting Minutes notebook in the town office.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM by Marylou and seconded by Jan.

Respectfully submitted:

Sheila Pecor: Clerk