

Welton Cemetery Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2017

Ms. Kimpton called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

Roll Call: Marcianne Kimpton – present; Arleen Richardson – present; Newell Beaumier -- present

Council Representative: Roberta Dobay –present

Visitors: Dale Bowman, Judy Beaumier, Lisa Hernandez

Mr. Bowman, a former resident of Burton Village addressed the Board. Up until a year ago, Mr. Bowman and his wife were 49 year residents of Burton Village, and ran a daycare center in the Village for 32 of those years. Mr. Bowman wished to purchase a cemetery plot at Welton Cemetery, and felt that the Board should grant him resident pricing, both for the fact that he and his family were long-time (former) residents, as well as the fact that Mr. Bowman stated that it is not listed anywhere that in order to get resident pricing on cemetery lots, said lots must be purchased when one is still a resident.

Ms. Dobay felt that the Cemetery Board would be setting a precedent if they granted Mr. Bowman resident pricing; Mr. Beaumeier and Ms Richardson agreed.

The Board voted to deny Mr. Bowman's request.

Clerks Report:

Mrs. Kimpton made a motion to accept the minutes of March 15, 2017. Ms. Richardson seconded. By voice vote, motion passed.

Old Business:

Ms. Hernandez updated the Board regarding the new cemetery map. There were several discrepancies found between the old map and the new map. Ms. Hernandez will continue to compare the new map with the old map, as well as additional cemetery resources to ensure that the new map is accurate.

Ms. Kimpton discussed the issue of markers sinking into the ground, and the necessity to install footers. Ms. Kimpton felt that there were about 5 markers affected, although they were not big stones. Mr. Beaumier felt they should be concrete footers. Ms. Richardson wondered what had been done in the past when this situation occurred. Ms. Kimpton and Ms. Dobay will visit the cemetery after today's meeting to check on these markers.

Ms. Kimpton, Ms. Richardson and Ms. Hernandez will visit Middlefield Bank in Newbury in the near future, to update the signature card on the Cemetery's safety deposit box there.

New Business:

Ms. Kimpton brought up the fact that some of the gravestones by the entrance are facing the opposite direction of those stones immediately surrounding them. The problem seems to be with stones facing an easterly direction. Ms. Kimpton felt for all burials in the future, all graves on the eastern side of the cemetery should have their gravestones facing the east. Ms. Kimpton made a motion that in the future, all new gravestones should be facing the same direction as the side of the Cemetery they are, west or east. Ms. Richardson added that a diagram should be made to show the stones, and the direction they should face. Seconded by Ms. Richardson. By voice vote, all passed.

Mr. Beaumier wondered where the sign that showed the new section with arrows had gone. Ms. Kimpton noted that the post and brackets are there, but the sign is gone. Ms. Hernandez will call the Street Department to see if they have it. It may also be out for repairs.

Mr. Beaumier asked about the plants for the Cemetery this year. Ms. Kimpton told him that Ms. Dobay had already ordered them.

Ms. Hernandez asked the Board if they would like to consider forming some monument requirements for Welton Cemetery. Mr. Beaumier volunteered to visit some surrounding areas to find out if they have any requirements in place. Ms. Richardson did not feel that stipulations, or requirements concerning size would be necessary, although the weight of the piece should be considered.

Ms. Beaumier suggested that the Rules and Regulations be changed regarding pricing, to emphasize “current” resident for resident pricing. Ms. Richardson made a motion to add the wording to the Welton Cemetery Rules and Regulations that says that “current residents of Burton Village are entitled to Resident pricing of Cemetery Plots.” Ms. Hernandez will add this to the rules for the next meeting.

Adjournment:

Mr. Beaumier moved to adjourn and Ms. Kimpton seconded. By voice vote, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Board President

Cemetery Clerk