

Cemetery Commission Meeting November 7, 2011

Present: R.Olson, Chair; J. Cox; G. Howe; C. Westcott
Excused: M. Collins Absent: S. Aranjó
Guest: Lynn Martin

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:05pm

The Minutes of Oct. 5, 2011 were approved as amended.

2. Alden St. expansion: We are waiting on NSTAR and the Town's electrical contractor. We will know about any unused appropriation when the work is completed.
3. A Steering Committee meeting has been called for 11/9/11 at the request of Martha Lyon. The CPC deadline was met and the Selectmen have our proposal for the next round of grants - \$48,000 for grave stone restoration.
4. Ms. Martin: we have partial mapping of the 'old' portion of the Alder St. Cemetery. So far, only one lot seems to have been sold twice. Hamilton is done, Gifford is in process. Survey by Town employees suggests much confusion in numbering – there appear to be four different number sequences. The good news is that we have much more real estate than originally thought. Ms. Martin asked us to defer all but emergency sales until a new numbering system is in place. An informal path through Hamilton has caused erosion problems, and should be blocked and replanted – several stones are down or leaning.
5. Status of Cemetery funds: The Chair presented the latest iteration of statements from Town records. Section A – non-expendable [perpetual care] seems correct. Section B – expendable funds – raises a number of questions. [see copy as distributed by the Chair]. Please study for discussion at our next meeting.
6. We have a meeting with the Selectmen on Jan. 9, 2012, during their regularly scheduled meeting, starting at 6:00pm. They require a quorum, so please try to be present. The Chair announced an instructional meeting on Cemetery preservation in Lowell on 11/18/11.

Our next meeting will be Dec. 5, 2011, at 2:00pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory Howe, Clerk pro-tem