

Town of Bridgewater  
Cemetery Commission Meeting  
Minutes of October 16, 2019

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Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Roy (Butch) Wardwell

Present: Jim Bulmer, Paul Hutt and Nancy Robinson

Additions/changes to agenda – none

Jim moved to accept the minutes of July 17, 2019 as presented. Paul seconded the motion and motion carried.

Visitors: None

Cemeteries have been well taken care this summer, no problems reported.

Butch is still working on water drainage issue at Baker Hill Cemetery.

Discussion of small dead trees at Topliff Cemetery near Geno lot. Butch and Paul will ask Tarleton Property Management if they can cut the trees, if not then Butch and Paul will take care of them.

Discussion of stone wall damage at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Will inquire if town's insurance will cover this damage. Butch will get a couple quotes from stone masons to repair wall and maybe enlarge opening.

Ditch work done by road and access by Mt. Pleasant Cemetery looks good, thank you to highway dept/Martin Exc.

Cemetery Commissioners have received a letter regarding the P & A Woods lots at Baker Hill Cemetery.

Family would like a deed prepared to separate out a lot where a family member's child is buried. Butch will get lot description and Nancy will prepare a new deed to Marilyn Woods Epstein for burial of Jonathan David Epstein.

Discussion and review of information regarding Green Burials. Legislative Act 24 which took effect on July 1, 2015 governs the circumstances under which natural "green" burial grounds can be established. A green burial is a burial without concrete or other type of vault, with an un-embalmed body, buried in a biodegradable casket, container or shroud. Jim moved that the Town of Bridgewater will not open or allow "Green Burials" in the Bridgewater Cemeteries. Butch seconded the motion and motion carried. If an individual wants to participate in a "Green Burial" on their private property, they must follow the laws as laid out in Act 24 and any VT Department of Health regulations.

Haynes/Payson family member burial will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Either Butch or Paul will assist family.

Long time town resident and Cemetery Commissioner, Bill Hoyt passed away on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Memorial service will be held at St. James Church on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

Next meeting will be scheduled for December 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Town Office.

Being no further business, Butch moved to adjourn meeting at 4:40 pm. Paul seconded the motion and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Robinson*

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Clerk