

Brattleboro Cemetery Committee
November 17, 2016
Town Clerk's Office

A meeting of the Brattleboro Cemetery Committee was convened at 5:15 PM by Chair Jackie Stromberg at the Town Clerk's office. Members present were: Jackie Stromberg, Karen Kale, Kate Snow and Brian Bannon. Also present: Jane Fletcher and Annette Cappy. Absent with regrets: Judith Price.

Brian Bannon moved to accept the minutes of the September 15 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Jane Fletcher reported on the Annual VOCA meeting held on October 1 in Middlebury. She stated that VOCA occasionally offers grants for the maintenance of cemeteries but that they were generally reserved for items such as repairing gravestones. They also have representatives available to train others in the repair and restoration of stones.

There were few comments regarding the committee's tour of town cemeteries in October. The consensus was that in general, the cemeteries were in relatively good condition.

Assignment reports from September meeting:

- Kate Snow reported that there are tree limbs overhanging the mausoleum that should be attended to so as not to fall and further damage the roof. She contacted Turner and Renaud Tree Service and also Carol Lolatte, Director of Recreation and Parks Dept.
- Brian Bannon reported that there is a trash receptacle in Morningside and if the committee would like a dog waste disposal receptacle, a proposal should be presented to the director of Recreation and Parks Department.
- Jane Fletcher described the memorial being gifted by Abbiati Monuments to honor Mike Walsh as being of white granite; a rounded rock of approximately 2 feet in size.
- Karen Kale reported that the committee should consult a structural engineer to determine the extent of damage to the mausoleum and present options for needed repairs. The committee discussed approaching the Rotary Club to assist with the cost of the mausoleum roof but agreed that more information was needed prior to contacting the club. She will contact GPI owner, Art Greenbaum for options.

The chair noted that a report of the Cemetery Committee's activities should be printed in the Town Annual Report and that she would discuss the possibility with the Town Manager's office.

The committee reviewed the 2016 bid and contract for cemetery maintenance. The Chair had questions concerning the contract and will contact the Director of Recreation and Parks for details.

The next meeting will be scheduled for January.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Town Clerk and Clerk of the Committee

Annette L. Cappy