

Brattleboro Cemetery Committee
Friday December 1, 2017
Municipal Center
Town Clerks Office
10:00 – 11:30 AM
Minutes

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Brattleboro Cemetery Committee is established for the purpose of advising the Selectboard in matters of care and maintenance of all Town owned cemeteries.

It establishes policies, rules and regulations for operation of the cemeteries; sets prices for services provided; lays out plots, drives and paths and prices for burial plots. No policy making decision of the Committee is valid unless approved by the Selectboard.

AGENDA

1. Convene meeting

The December 1, 2017 meeting of the Brattleboro Cemetery Committee was convened at 10:03 AM by Chair Jackie Stromberg in the Brattleboro Town Clerk's Office. Members present were: Jackie Stromberg, Jane Fletcher, Kate Snow, Karen Kale and Brian Bannon. Snow participated by speakerphone with all present able to hear her.

2. Approve minutes of September 8 meeting

Fletcher moved, and Bannon seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes for its September 8, 2017 meeting as drafted. The minutes were approved, 5-0

3. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

4. Friends of Brattleboro Town Cemeteries

The draft Bylaws have been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Members of the committee found the draft acceptable with minor edits. The draft application will be reviewed by Carol Lolatte for her approval. Stromberg moved and Kale seconded that Snow submit the draft to Lolatte for her approval, and that Lolatte present the Bylaws to the Select Board for approval. The motion passed, 5-0

5. Jim Fisk monument

Fletcher review a proposal by Abbiati Monuments to clean the Fisk monument and restore the monuments medallion. The cleaning would consist of treating with D2 cleaner, rinsing the monument with water, and then spraying with a stay on cleaner that would be washed of by rainwater. The cost of cleaning would be \$3,550. Recreating the medallion in marble would cost \$31,890. The committee took no action on the matter. Fletcher will do additional research on cleaning; she will also consult with the Historical Society on possible fundraising. Bannon will contact the Arts Committee to see if any members could duplicate or repair the medallion; he will also look into having a newspaper article written.

6. Hogle lot feedback

Funds remain in the Hogle Trust. They can be used to maintain the monument and access to the monument. At this time, the roadway leading to the monument is rutted and requires repair. Vegetation around the monument needs to be cut back. Up to \$300 is available from the trust upon petition of the Trustee of Public Funds. The Committee took no action at this time.

7. Rules and regs: Putting foundations under headstones?

Fletcher will do further research on foundations. She has found that standards vary between local companies. The Committee took no action at this time.

8. Topics to address at future meetings & next meeting date

Bannon reported that the police will investigate homeless persons living in tents on a ridge overlooking Morningside Cemetery. Stromberg confirmed that the tents are still occupied.

The Committee will request that Lolatte include a request to fund an annual clean up in her department's budget.

It was noted that the area between the Roselawn section and Morningside Condos needs to be cleaned up; it has become overgrown and was not mown this summer.

Bannon will talk to the school to see if signs can be made for the cemeteries.

Fletcher moved, and Kale seconded that the meeting adjourn at 10:45; the motion passed, 5-0