

Brattleboro Cemetery Committee
Tuesday April 17, 2018
Municipal Center
Town Clerks Office
10:00 – 11:00 AM

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.

Minutes

1. The meeting was convened at 10:01; Committee Chair Jackie Stromberg called the meeting to order at 10:01; Committee members Jane Fletcher and Brian Bannon were also present; member Karen Kale was absent. Carol Lolatte of the Recreation and Parks Department and John Carnahan of the Historical Society were also present.
2. Fletcher moved and Bannon seconded that the minutes of December 1, 2017 be approved; the vote was 3-0.
3. There were no public comments.
4. Friends of Brattleboro Town Cemeteries – Start-up discussion: the Friends will not be a town committee; there will be no staff support and open meeting rules do not apply. The town will act as fiscal agent for all donations. Actions taken by the Friends will need approval from Recreation and Parks Director. The organizational meeting to elect board members will take place at 6 Pm, May 10 in the Historical Society Meeting Room in the Municipal Center. A flyer will be distributed at the Town Clerk's Office, the Senior Center, the Coop, and posted at Morningside Cemetery. Notice will be posted to the Recreation and Parks Facebook page and to the media email list.
5. Jim Fisk monument – follow up from Fletcher and Bannon: Fletcher noted a newspaper account stating that the monument was commissioned by townspeople rather than the Fisk family. There are no 3D printers available at this time to print a copy of the medallion. No further action will be taken on this matter.
6. Hogle lot feedback: Lolatte will schedule work days when she has additional summer help. The lot could be cleaned up at that time.
7. Rules and regs: Putting foundations under headstones? – Fletcher contacted monument companies. Each has specific standards they used for different types of monuments. There is no need for the town to regulate this. No further action will be taken on this matter.
8. Tents in Morningside Cemetery – Bannon; there are no campers at this time. There is some garbage and debris that need to be picked up. Lolatte explained that when there is a

complaint about illegal camping, the police give 24 hour notice to the campers, after which any possessions remaining are disposed of.

9. Rec and Parks budget - Fund annual clean-up: Lolatte hopes the \$9,000 will be available for cleanup and repairs. There was a large expense cleaning up trees downed by the recent windstorm.
10. Area between Roselawn section and Morningside Condos – clean-up: this was discussed in common with the Hogle lot discussion.
11. Cemetery signs made by schools – Bannon: Fletcher suggested deferring the project to theFriends; the committee agreed.
12. Topics to address at future meetings & next meeting date: the committee discussed preparation for the Friends kick off meeting. The date of the next meeting wasn't set.
13. Bannon moved, and Fletcher seconded, that the meeting adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:51.