

Brattleboro Cemetery Committee
Friday, July 19, 2019
Municipal Center
Town Clerks Office
10:00 – 10:31 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; Hilary Francis called the meeting to order; Committee members Brian Bannon, Jane Fletcher, and Jackie Stromberg, were present; Karen Kale was absent.
2. Brian was elected Committee Chair; Jane, clerk.
3. Jackie moved and Jane seconded that the minutes of April 12, 2019 and May 24, 2019 be approved; the motion passed 3-0
4. minutes of May 24, see above.
5. Public Comment: No one from the public was present.
6. Proposed wording for the Green Burial section revision to the ordinance was reviewed. At a meeting this fall the committee will review the complete cemetery ordinance to determine any recommended changes before presenting to the Selectboard for adoption. Items to consider will be increasing the individual lot fee to \$600.00; adding wording to the green burial section regarding re-use of the plot after 50 years (this needs to be checked against state statute).
7. Topics to address at future meetings & next meeting date: members should spread the word that there is an open seat on the committee – for the future, departing members should try to recruit their replacement. Jane will resend the dates for the Friends work days at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Paul Ethier, Parks Supervisor, should be contacted about poison ivy and a possible joint work session at the cemetery so that some of the larger trees and brush could be removed with power tools.

Brian will check to see if cemetery signs could be made by the Southern Vermont Correctional Facility woodworking shop.

On Friday, August 16th, the committee will meet at the municipal building at 8:30am to tour the three small cemeteries in West Brattleboro; Glen St, Hamilton Rd, and Barrows Rd.

At 10:31 Jackie moved and Jane seconded that the meeting adjourn. Passed unanimously.