

Brattleboro Cemetery Committee  
Tuesday August 22, 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.*

**Draft Minutes**

1. Chair Brian Bannon called the meeting to order at 10:03; Committee members Jane Fletcher, Jackie Stromberg, and Gary Stroud were present; Karen Kale was absent. Hilary Francis was also present. No members of the public were present.
2. Approve minutes of July 31, 2018 meeting. Stromberg moved, and Fletcher seconded that the July 31, 2018 minutes be approved. The vote was 4-0; the motion passed.
3. There was no public comment.
4. Review draft notes for Annual Report; Fletcher suggest editing the comments from “dedicated to” to “hoping to do”. The Committee agreed to submit the comments to the Recreation and Parks director for use in preparing the annual report.
5. Green Burials; Fletcher explained that there have been recent inquiries about green burials. In the past, the Committee considered green burials in the Roselawn section; the area isn’t suitable as the burials will lead to subsidence. Fletcher agreed to research regulations used at Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery. The Committee will consider possible sites at its next meeting and schedule a site visit.
6. Camping in cemeteries; Bannon asked if the Committee would support the designation of a formal camping area in a remote section of Morningside should the town consider designating such an area. The Committee felt it would attract unacceptable behavior and damage the cemeteries. There was a consensus that the Committee would not support such a proposal.
7. Friends of Brattleboro Town Cemeteries – Status update; Fletcher explained that there was poor attendance at the most recent meeting and that there is considerable discouragement. The next meeting is September 10 at 5:30; Committee members agreed to make efforts to increase attendance.
8. Topics to address at future meetings & next meeting date. The next meeting will be on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Town Clerk’s Office. The committee will discuss:
  1. Green burials.
  2. Schedule site visit
  3. Follow up on Friends of the Cemeteries.
9. Fletcher moved that the meeting be adjourned at 10:30; Stromberg seconded. The motion passed 4-0.