

Brattleboro Cemetery Committee
April 21, 2017
Town Clerk's Office

A meeting of the Brattleboro Cemetery Committee was convened at 10:02 AM by Chair Jackie Stromberg at the Town Clerk's office. Members present were: Jackie Stromberg, Kate Snow, and Brian Bannon. Also present: Hilary Francis and Carol Lolatte.

Brian Bannon moved to accept the minutes of the January 5 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Jackie Stromberg inquired about how the Recreation and Parks department budget is spent, and if some of that money could be used on particular projects to improve the cemeteries, including:

- a. Replacement of the roof and restoration of the historic mausoleum at Morningside Cemetery;
- b. Erect a fence at Prospect Hill Cemetery as required by Vermont Statute;
- c. Erect name signs at all cemeteries;
- d. Erect a solar powered floodlight for the flag at Morningside Cemetery;
- e. Multiple trash cans at large cemeteries and dog-do disposable bags for citizen clean-up after their animals;
- f. Create a Green Burial Space

Carol Lolatte explained that any money spent has to be within this fiscal year, ending June 30, otherwise we are into next year's budget. Carol suggested that the Cemetery Committee pull together a list of priorities and get them to Carol as soon as possible so the Rec & Parks department could weigh those priorities against their own priorities (ie: maintaining the cemetery roads). If there is money left in the budget, these projects can be chipped away at.

Carol also suggested looking into the Hogle Trust, as well as other fundraising opportunities like VOCA.

After Carol left the meeting, the Cemetery Committee drafted priorities for Hilary Francis to send to Carol.

1. Erect a solar powered floodlight for the flag at Morningside Cemetery;
2. Multiple trash cans at large cemeteries or having the Recreation and Parks Department do clean-ups more often
3. Repair vandalism and re-set stones

Under other business, Hilary Francis discussed that we need to determine a policy for how we define "Professional", as only professionals can do grave openings or place headstones.

For the next meeting on Friday, 5/12 at 10:00 AM in the Town Clerk's Office, the following will take place:

- Jackie Stromberg and Kate Snow will do a walk-through of Morningside Cemetery to determine if there are any projects that volunteers can accomplish
- Brian Bannon will research historical signs
- Kate Snow will research the Hogle Trust
- Hilary Francis will draft policy on who is considered "Professional"

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM

Town Clerk and Clerk of the Committee

Hilary Francis