

Brattleboro Cemetery Committee  
September 8, 2017  
Selectboard Meeting Room

A meeting of the Brattleboro Cemetery Committee was convened at 10:00 AM by Chair Jackie Stromberg at the Town Clerk's office. Members present were: Jackie Stromberg, Kate Snow, Karen Kale and Jane Fletcher. Also present: Hilary Francis and Carol Lolatte. Absent with regrets: Brian Bannon

Jane moved to accept the minutes of the July 14 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

No public comment was heard.

Hilary presented Town Attorney Bob Fisher's feedback on the Friends of Morningside Cemetery bylaws and a brief discussion was had. All of Bob's feedback was accepted, with a few additional edits proposed. Hilary will edit the document, email to the committee for review and it will appear on the next meeting agenda for discussion. Kate will work on drafting a Friends of Morningside Cemetery agreement for members to sign and bring to the next meeting for review. Once all documents are ready, they will be presented before the Selectboard for approval.

Carol reported that all areas that were marked by the committee for maintenance were completed, in addition to a few other areas. It was suggested that this type of work day occur on an annual basis after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Kate reported her findings on the Hogle Trust. The purpose of the trust is to do perpetual care of the Hogle lot. Currently the town puts flowers on the grave annually. The initial \$10,000 has increased to \$15,000 in the care of the Trustees of Public Funds but only the interest could be used for miscellaneous care of the mausoleum or road in Morningside Cemetery. Currently there is nothing to pursue. Jane will look at the Hogle lot and report back to the committee if there are any foreseeable future projects.

It was decided to put any volunteer training and fundraising on hold until the direction of the Friends of Brattleboro Cemeteries is determined.

The next Cemetery Committee meeting will be held on October 27, 2017 at 10:00am in the Town Clerk's office. The Friends documents will be reviewed, and the Hogle lot will be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM

Town Clerk and Clerk of the Committee

Hilary Francis