

Whately Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 2, 2018

Attendance: Darcy Tozier, Paul Fleuriel, Elizabeth Conlisk
The meeting was called to order at 3:40.
The minutes for the meeting on Sept 22, 2017 were approved.

Cemetery expansion: Darcy raised the need for cemetery expansion. East Cemetery has no more plots to buy. We need to buy land for plots or to put in a road to reach an isolated corner of the cemetery. This could open up an additional 8-10 plots. Digging equipment can't reach that corner now. Paul mentioned our predicament to the neighbor, DeWitt Thomson who seemed open to a conversation about the sale of adjacent land.

West Cemetery has some plots available but does not have much room to grow. The drop-off by the road is eroding.

Center Cemetery has a steep drop-off to the north and west so cannot be expanded in those directions. It has some unclaimed plots in the very back.

We need to survey available plots and estimate the rate of new purchases in last 5 years. Also, we should ask neighboring towns how they have addressed space issues.

Cemetery maintenance: We will host volunteer days to clear rock wall in West and paint the fence in Center. Dates to be determined.

Tractor service: We need a new person to service tractors as Associated Equipment has closed.

Assignments:

Elizabeth will contact Joyce Palmer Fortune to get the announcement deadline for Whately Scoop. We will then plan our volunteer days.

Paul will ask Christopher Arel about servicing tractors in the spring.

Darcy and Eliz will survey available plots in all three cemeteries.

Darcy and Paul will meet with Andrea's Landscaping about clearing front of West (2 stones inaccessible).

Elizabeth will reach out to neighboring cemetery commissions to see how they respond to space limitations. She will also ask about cemetery software.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55.
Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Conlisk