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MINUTES of Weathersfield Cemetery Commission  
July 17, 2019

(Meeting at the Grout and Plain Cemeteries, 7pm on July 17, 2019)

Present: Beverly Fluetten-Howe, Bob Holtorf, Mike Stankevich, Julia Lloyd Wright  
Visitor: Dale Emery

I. Meeting called to order at 7pm by Julia Lloyd Wright (Chair)

II. Additions to Agenda: A brief discussion took place regarding Town upkeep of the access lane to the Grout Cemetery iron gate and the cable to the Plain Cemetery. The Commission were in agreement that they need to receive a letter from the Town to be filed in the Cemetery Commission box at the Town Office.

III. Repair of broken gravestones at the Grout and Plain cemeteries

Dale Emery was invited to review repair work with commissioners. Grout Cemetery: Dale Emery repaired several sections of the Grout walls. It was agreed no further work be done for the time being on the walls. Commissioners will take care of small saplings and brush removal outside the east and north walls.

Approximately 4 - 5 small leaning stones will be righted.

It was agreed to try a new approach with some leaning stones to secure them with strips of pressure-treated wood placed in the ground to hold them upright.

Plain Cemetery: The Commissioners went through a two-page list of stones needing help written up in 2004 by Julia Lloyd Wright. Some have been straightened, others now leaning, some collapsed some marble stones are sugaring due to age and pollution/weather. Several large broken stones were viewed with discussion on epoxy and/or possible bracing.

Mike Stankevich suggested going row by row and straighten what we can to try to keep them from keeling over and suggested using \$2,000 from our account for the stones. Repairing larger stones needs two people and it was suggested that if sexton Dick Cross has time he could work with Dale Emery. Other cemeteries are fine with no repairs outstanding and Bob Holtorf said we should focus on the Plain stones this season. Mike Stankevich will speak to Dale Emery and Dick Cross regarding the work.

A motion was made by Bob Holtorf to allot the \$2,000 stone work at the Plain, (\$1,000 for Dick Cross and \$1,000 for Dale Emery) seconded by Beverly Fluetten-Howe. Voted: Unanimously.

Motion to adjourn as 8:00pm was made by Mike Stankevich.