

Minutes
15 September 2015
Cemetery Board of Trustees-Working Session
Town of Wilton NH

The meeting began at 6:57 p.m. with 3 trustees: John Jowders (Chair) Steve Elliot, Mary Ann Shea (Secretary).

This meeting is being held to clarify the perpetual care account disbursement, and to plan how best to apply funds from these accounts.

We began by clarifying a couple of outstanding issues regarding 2 cemetery lots:

- Abby (Bart) Fraser would like to sell her lot (in Mount Calvary) back to the town. All agree that this should be done; Mary Ann will get Ms. Fraser's mailing address, and Mary Ann will contact the Trustees of the Trust Fund (via Betsy Castro) for the transaction to be done.
- The Right to Inter for Joyce Fisk (Vale End) needs to be retyped-Mary Ann will do this making the changes to the document as needed for clarification, and will give the document to Doreece in Town Hall.

The first issue regarding the Perpetual Care lots concerned the counting of lots/graves at Vale End and South Yard. John has done a good counting of lots at Vale End, and Steve has done the same with South Yard. Steve has also said he will count Laurel Hill (the availability of maps makes this a little easier, but Laurel Hill is far larger than the other 2 cemeteries). Once we have a good count of all available graves in each cemetery, we will do our best to calculate the number of graves (by cemetery) which fall under perpetual care.

It was determined (by looking at the Right To Inter documents) that Perpetual Care ceased to exist between 1981 and 1982. We will be using the Perpetual Care accounts created between 1916 (the earliest accounts according to the Trustees of the Trust Fund spreadsheet) and the close of 1981 to determine a percentage of perpetual care graves in each of the cemeteries. Mary Ann will generate a list for each cemetery from the Trust Fund spreadsheet and distribute it to John and Steve.

During the meeting, John contacted Betsy Castro with questions about what happens to the Trust Funds (the ones currently designated as perpetual care) that were created after 1981. She will get clarification on how these funds are to be handled, and will get back to us. We are also unclear as to what happens to funds collected from now forward, and will need guidance from the Trustees of the Trust Funds (and possibly the Board of Selectmen). We will discuss this more at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Shea, Secretary