

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes, March 29, 2018

In attendance: Earlene Forbes, Cheri Goldstein, Francette Cerulli

Guests: Dennis Bador, Rick Dyer (Lamoille County Forester)

Earlene called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Cheri nominated Earlene as Chair for the coming year, Fran seconded. Earlene elected Chair.

Earlene nominated Fran as Clerk for the coming year, Cheri seconded. Fran elected Clerk.

Cheri distributed reduced maps of the cemetery, one to be kept at the Town Offices, the others to be taken home by the commissioners.

Dennis Bador said that he is concerned about acid from pine trees deteriorating stones in both cemeteries. He also mentioned that power lines owned by Washington Electric Coop that run through the trees between the two cemeteries. The Coop maintains this corridor.

Rick Dyer, Forester, agreed with Dennis about the acid having a bad effect on the stones. He mentioned the two large trees downed by last year's wind storms, and outlined serious tree problems for the future if nothing is done about trees posing a hazard.

He said that all the pines in the cemetery need to go. The soil has been compacted over generations, and root systems of these big trees have grown sideways rather than deep into the soil. All trees around edges of the cemetery need to be examined for disease and deformity, and those judged hazardous need to be taken down.

Rick said that the logger who cuts down the trees should be insured, and the commission should have a contract with the logger. He stressed that it is also important to come to an agreement with any neighbors regarding trees growing on boundary lines.

Rick offered to supervise the assessment, and to bring paper forms used by foresters for tree assessment, and email the form to Fran so she can make copies.

We all agreed on a date of Friday, April 6th at 1 pm to meet with Rick at the cemeteries to walk both of them and record his findings.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Francette Cerulli (Clerk)