

***Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes***  
***October 11, 2017***

**Present:** Grace Keene, Marianne Perry, Brenda Lake, Andy Tolman, Deb Doten, Pam Osborn, John Moran, Karen Peterson

**Absent:** Sandra Rourke

**Staff Present:** Anna Carll, Eric Dyer

There was a review of the August 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Sexton's Report**

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 12 students and 2 teachers raked leaves at the Readfield Corner Cemetery. This volunteer effort was on behalf of Maranacook High School's Day of Caring.

A beautiful, new, granite bench was installed at the Readfield Corner Cemetery. The addition of this bench was made possible by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

There will be a tour of all the cemeteries with the Select Board on October 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am.

The hand pump at the East Readfield Cemetery was damaged by a fallen branch at the East Readfield Cemetery. Karen Peterson does have a resource who may be able to assist with repair. The Sexton will follow-up on the matter.

The Sexton will be attending an upcoming Cemetery Law course.

**Reflection Garden**

The committee will be informally referring to the new garden space at the Readfield Corner Cemetery as the Reflection Garden.

The plantings are healthy thanks to the many volunteers who watered and weeded this garden through the hot, dry summer months.

This coming spring more perennials and shrubs will be planted.

There is a large stone that has been placed at this garden. It does not fit with the landscape and will be removed.

**East Readfield Cemetery**

The berms need continued weeding.

The empty berm has one hydrangea that was planted and donated by Marianne Perry. More plantings will be completed this spring. It is recommended that \$200 from the 2017-18 cemetery budget be utilized for this purpose.

Daffodil bulbs will be planted in the berms on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Sexton reported that stone and tree work made possible through a generous donation made by the Fifield Trust is nearing completion. Work remaining is the landscaping of the Cemetery property bordering RT 17.

**Cemetery Ordinance**

This was the final reading of the ordinance.

The committee unanimously approved that the ordinance be sent to the Town Manager so that it may be scheduled for review by the Select Board.

The next task will be to review and/or draft the Cemetery policies and rules.

**Meeting: PLEASE NOTE CHANGE**

**Meetings will be on the Third Wednesday of the month 9:00 am at Giles Hall.**

**Next Meeting: November 15, 2017**

**Budget Discussion:**

The Town Manager answered questions on the budget process.

The Committee should make 2017-18 recommendations for March through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 soon.

All agreed that the budget should be a standing agenda item.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.