

*Cemetery Committee Meeting
June 8, 2015
Approved: July 13, 2015*

Members Present: Grace Keene, Sandra Rourke, Brenda Lake, Pam Osborn, John Moran, Deb Doten

Members Excused: Lydia Adelson, Marianne Perry, Lorraine Wagner

Staff: Karen Peterson

Select Board Liaison: Absent

The Cemetery Committee Meeting came to order at 9:30 am at the Readfield Town Office.

Minutes of the May 5, 2015 were approved with a minor edit to a meeting date.

Engineering Report for Stone Wall Repair at the Case Rd and Readfield Corner Cemeteries

The report from Helen Watt's PE was reviewed. The work for the Case Rd. Cemetery will require materials from a company such as Gagne and Son, and a week's worth of time from a experienced stone mason crew.

The Readfield Corner Cemetery stone walls require a change in road drainage from the Church Rd. to prevent further damage to the already significant repairs that are now required. Also recommended was seeding the vaults with a "green roof" of perennial plants to prevent future damage.

At this time, the disrepair of the stone walls are not a danger to the public.

Action Steps:

1. Grace Keene will send the following recommendation to the Select Board:
Have a joint meeting with the Road Committee to discuss the drainage from the road causing damage to the cemetery walls. This recommendation should include an emphatic statement that the road design caused the problem.
2. Karen Peterson will check into materials and consultants for the Case Rd. stone wall repair.
3. Karen Peterson will look into the process for seeding the vaults.

Other Cemetery Updates:

Dudley Plains Rd. fence was significantly damaged by snow plowing this past winter. The repairs are complete. There are sections of the fence that will need to be re-painted.

The living fence project is underway. Eva Smith would like to make a donation. Karen Peterson and Marianne Perry recommend that DR Struck do the work on the living fence. Pam Osborne made a motion to approve this recommendation. John Moran seconded. The recommendation was approved 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am. Members of the committee joined Libby Doakes at the East Readfield Cemetery to have a workshop on stone cleaning.

Next Meeting: July 13 at 9:00 am at the Readfield Town Office