

Board of Selectmen
Cemetery Workshop Meeting Minutes
Town of Newington
May 8, 2006

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Present: Chairman Jack O'Reilly, Selectman Jan Stuart, Selectman Cosmas Iocovozzi, Beatrice Marconi-AA, Laura Coleman, and Cliff Abbott, both of the Cemetery Committee.

Chairman O'Reilly called the workshop to order at 6:31pm.

Cliff Abbott and Selectman Iocovozzi began the meeting speaking of the McCue Issue at the cemetery regarding the wish of Deane Kellison to be buried there as she was left the worldly possessions of Karen McCue through her (Karen's) will. Cliff had contacted Karen's children to ask how they felt and as of yet, has not received a response. The rule is – Only a resident or relative of town resident can be buried there.

Cliff Abbott stated that the brother has equal rights to the lot.

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that all the property of the deceased goes to the Executrix of the will to disperse per the details of the will.

Chairman O'Reilly asked if you go by bloodline or what is stated in the will and how many plots are left. Cliff stated that you would go by what's in the will if specified and there are only two plots left.

The problem is that it is not clear who is in charge of the plots.

Laura Coleman asked if a deadline could be given to the children so that if they don't respond in the specified number of days then they could loose their rights to the plots. Selectman O'Reilly stated that type of action should not be taking with out consulting a lawyer.

Cliff stated that Deane was the one with all of the requests. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that once the person over seeing the plot is found then the Selectmen would like a letter from that person or persons stating that it is okay for Karen to be buried there.

There was a brief discussion about Hazel the Town Clerk and the information that she gets dealing with the recently deceased. Cliff stated that he is giving her information but Hazel is not doing the same and that the Town reports are not matching his information.

Cliff Abbott then asked about having the receptionist, Krislenn, type up his updates to the cemetery plot list. The Selectmen and Beatrice Marconi stated that she does a lot now and that they were not sure if it could be done. After a brief discussion they all came to an agreement that Krislenn could do it if it took minimal time.

Selectman Iocovozzi stated there should be some granite posts to block off the septic system at the Old Town Hall. Cliff stated that he had eight posts left, but he planned to use all of them. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that rocks could be used instead.

The Discussion was moved to the water line and how every thing would be routed and put together with 14 or so spickets in use with the line being approx 18" down. If any spickets need to be fixed, the problem will be analyzed at the time of line lay out. The City of Portsmouth will

be involved in the process. The lines would run along side of the road however, they then began to discuss the grave of a Mr. Labonte who is buried in the road area. Cos will get a price from Duffy to move Mr. Labonte eventually.

Rainscape gave Cos a price to proceed with the water line project. It should be put on the Selectmen's agenda.

Bea is to contact LuLu to see if the rock wall grant ever was followed through on. The Board authorized John & Len to work only 6 days for the Cemetery rock wall project.

Laura Coleman stated that by law the Cemetery has rights to funds that are under Paul Beswick who is the Trustee of the Trust Fund. Cliff Abbott stated that there is a way to take money from the perpetual care fund because it has been done before. The grounds care is funded by the Town whether the plot has perpetual care or not. Some of the money set aside in perpetual care should be reimbursed to the town or pay for the care of the lots. It was decided to talk to Paul Beswick to see if more information could be obtain in regards to the perpetual care fund.

The last item on the agenda was the idea to plant a couple of trees to replace some that are dying. Selectman Iocovozzi stated that the trees could wait until other things done.

Cliff Abbott should be reimbursed for workshops that he attended. The Board asked for receipts, which he stated he did not have. Selectman Iocovozzi advised Cliff to get receipts and that way he can be reimbursed for all things dealing with the cemetery.

Cliff then asked if Lenny and John could be used to fill in some spots in the eastern division and Selectman Iocovozzi promptly said Len & John can be utilized for a total of 6 days for that or whatever needed to be done.

Cliff Abbott asked if a power washer could be bought to clean some of the old rocks at the cemetery. Selectman Stuart said that that could not happen due to some of the rocks being limestone-they are too sensitive and a power washer would destroy them. She then mentioned that there was a guy who does this by hand and that she might still have his name and number somewhere.

Selectman Iocovozzi stated that Cliff should give three-monument dealers names when asked for information.

Bea will contact Cyndi to ask about 3 or 4 years of history on cemetery lot sale revenue.

Selectman Stuart moved to adjourn. Selectman Iocovozzi seconded the motion.

Roll call vote 3-0,

Motion passed at 8:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Marconi
Town Administrative Assistant