

TOWN OF LUDLOW
BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Board Members Present:

Herbert B. VanGuilder, Chairman
John Paige
Nataile Gruber, Flowers Chair
Ludwig Gabranski

Staff Present:

Jamie Farquhar, Sexton
Eugene Dean, Asst. Sexton

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman, Herbert VanGuilder.

Approve Minutes:

Motion by Nataile Gruber to except the minutes of September 17, 2008, as printed.
Second by John Paige. So voted.

Comments From Citizens:

None present.

Sexton's Monthly Report:

Sexton James Farquhar noted that they were working on fall clean-up. He noted that on October 15th they started removing all flowers for the winter. Most of the directional signs have all been repainted.

They are now working on the Monument Restoration for the older monuments.
Discussion on the guide post was noted to have it be straightened as best as could be done.

Brush has been cut along the road sides between the upper & lower cemeteries. Some cleanup has been completed on the back lot.

Old Business:

Under old business, Chairman, Herbert VanGuilder, noted that the update of the cemetery booklet would hopefully be completed before next town meeting.

New Business:

A discussion was noted on the need to update the line items in our budget to reflect cost and projects as to what is actually being completed. John Paige also noted that these items have not been updated in many years. Hopefully, working with the Municipal Office staff, this can be resolved before the next town meeting.

John Paige asked about the possibility of getting help from the State Correction Department. Chairman, Herbert VanGuilder, explained that he was already working on that possibility. Chairman, Herbert VanGuilder also noted that he now belongs to the Vermont Old Cemetery Association and had just attended their semi-annual meeting held on October 4th in Barre, Vt. It was a most interesting day at their semi-annual meeting with the touring of the granite mines/facilities and then about 3 ½ hrs., in the afternoon, taking a guided tour of the Hope Cemetery in Barre. Chairman Herbert VanGuilder also noted that he met some good folks who have a lot of knowledge on cemeteries. One of the individuals was the person who assigns the State Corrections Individuals that have been assigned to complete community service work. Chairman, Herbert VanGuilder, noted that he will be trying to receive help from this Department for next summer. Chairman, Herbert VanGuilder, noted that he is also receiving some good guidance from both the office & members of the Vermont Old Cemeteries Association and that the \$10 annual dues are well worth the money.

James Farquhar noted that the Municipal Manager, Frank Heald, was up to visit the cemetery with an insurance man from the Vt. League of Cities & Towns. He also noted that, at this time, he has no information on the results of that visit.

A discussion on the needed tree work noted that the monies would probably come out of line item 100-51-78.01, which is hand site work.

Adjourn:

Motion by Nataile Gruber to adjourn. Second by John Paige. So voted.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert VanGuilder
Acting Clerk

Herbert VanGuilder, Chairman

Brett Sanderson, Vice Chairman & Clerk

John Paige

Nataile Gruber, Flowers Chair

Ludwig Gabranski