

## VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2015

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Cemetery Office at Grove Hill Cemetery by Chairman Jean Luddy. Attending were Jean Luddy, Lois-Jane Tonski, Stuart Edwards, and Judy Hany. Absent was Scott Brown. Also in attendance were Alan West, Superintendent and Carol Nelson, Secretary.

Citizen's Forum – No members of the public were present.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2014 – A motion was made by Judy Hany, seconded by Lois-Jane Tonski and unanimously voted to approved the minutes of the December 2, 2014 regular meeting as presented.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 20, 2015 – A motion was made by Stuart Edwards, seconded by Lois-Jane Tonski and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 20, 2015 as presented.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Chapel Renovations update & finances – The front of the chapel has been repointed. The contractor did a nice job. The bell tower was removed and re-anchored. The Henry Building Rental account was closed with the monies used towards this repair. The balance was paid with funds from the Money Market Account. Other work on the chapel including the archway over the door must be done in the near future. Estimates for all the needed work will be obtained.
- b. Drainage trench at Grove Hill – This necessary project will allow the future use of the land and will benefit Public Works as an opportunity to deposit millings from the roadwork. The neighbors on Bradley Drive will have their property improved. Materials needed are 42 inch pipe at a rough cost \$43,000 plus the culverts.
- c. Seasonal employee status – Three seasonal are on staff with adequate coverage for the time being. Another employee may be added.
- d. Elmwood entry sign damage – Although the sign was restored last winter, in May it was hit again. No police report was filed. The foundation was moved and there is substantial damage. Barriers may be installed to protect the sign in the future.
- e. Wreaths Across America – We have signed up to participate in the program again this December. It will be similar to the previous two years.
- f. Eagle Scout Books – Carole Burke has given us a copy of the Eagle Scout project book that includes photos of all gravestones at Bamforth Road and Old Dobsonville Cemeteries. The description includes GPS coordinates and the Hale Collection descriptions from the 1930's. We are grateful to have this reference volume that was funded in part by the Vernon Education Foundation.

- g. Borders – Those lots with borders have been tagged as they interfere with accessibility. Frozen ground in the winter makes it difficult for any burials. Working with the lot owners is the desired outcome.

Unfinished Business –

- a. Rules & Regulations printing – It was decided that we would print needed copies of the revised Rules & Regulations in house as needed. This will avoid a costly printing job, be easily amended, and suffice for our purposes.

Any Other Business - The concept of a Memorial Walkway at Lugg Field with engraved bricks was discussed. This would honor veterans who may not be buried in the field. The area around the sundial is another area that might be appropriate for such a project. This topic will be explored for future discussion at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lois-Jane Tonski, seconded by Stu Edwards with the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Approved: *Sept. 1, 2015*

  
Carol S. Nelson, Secretary