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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – January 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Jean Luddy for Scott Brown

Present: Superintendent, Alan West, Norine Zahner, Jean Luddy, Deb Wilson, Scott Brown, Carol Kloter, Cemetery Agent and Carole Burke, concerned citizen.

This being a special meeting, the only topic for discussion was Elmwood Cemetery and the landscaping issues there. There has been some concern that it was not necessary to remove three Maple trees from the property. Also, the pine trees that are planted under the Maples are not attractive and hinder the growth of the existing Maples.

Alan gave the particulars of the measurement of the property on the Bolton Road boundary. He explained the status of the trees that were removed and the condition of the trees remaining. The Cemetery planted the pine trees along Bolton Road in 1983, they are on state property. Three Maple trees were removed this past fall because they were dead.

The question: Where do we go from here with planting this area? Alan believes the State will not allow the pine trees to be removed unless we have a plan for replanting. Alan has spoken with Dennis Gliha at the Vernon Garden Barn and he would like to see the Maple trees re-established. He would not plant anything under the Maples. Alan would like to see a planting that would act as a sound barrier from traffic in the area.

Carole Burke shared her opinion on the plantings. She prefers re-establishing the Maple trees, removing the pine trees, and be rid of the burning bushes that are getting over grown. She considers the pine trees not attractive and hampering the growth of the existing Maples. She would like us to petition the State for removal of the pine trees. She is very anxious to have the pine trees removed and has offered to pay the cost for removal! Carole left the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Discussion followed and all present from the VCC shared their thoughts. There was agreement to remove the pine trees and re-establish the Maple trees. Alan will come up with a plan for spring to present to VCC at the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol B. Kloter  
Cemetery Agent