

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
JUNE 23, 2014
SLADE BUILDING**

Members present: Daniel Galante, Vice Chair
Jeffrey Williams, Clerk
Raeanne Siegel
David Simmerer

Member absent: Michael Stauder, Chair

Staff present: Anita Scheipers, Town Administrator; Marcia Howlett, Cemetery Commission Clerk

Other present: Elaine Gauthier, Ernie Newcomb, Paul Sweeney; Cemetery Commissioners

Meeting commenced at 6:36 p.m.

Ms. Scheipers opened the meeting with the first point of discussion being of use of cemetery trust funds and if it is appropriate to use these funds for projects, specifically to replace a cemetery fence. Mr. Newcomb stated no, the trust fund is mostly all principal with some interest earned annually. Each cemetery has its own trust fund and the funding can be only be dispersed by the vote of the commissioners. Mr. Newcomb stated any equipment bought with trust fund money can only be used in that particular cemetery.

Ms. Scheipers reported there is no trace of any trust fund documents anywhere. We need to be able to see specifics of each of the documents. Mr. Sweeney stated he was told by Town Clerk they are all recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Mr. Galante returned to the previous estimate of replacing the fence. One estimate came in at \$21,000.00. There also is money remaining from the theft insurance money (@\$13,000) minus replacing two items that were stolen. He asked if this could be used for the one time purpose. Ms. Scheipers also asked what the purpose of the fence is. Could it be removed rather than repainting it year after year? Ms. Gauthier stated she was against removing the fence. Mr. Simmerer asked in what kind of shape is the fence. You have two alternatives; replace with a new fence or paint the old one.

Mr. Simmerer asked what would be the cost of reworking the fence in order to put off replacing for a couple of years. Mr. Sweeney stated the only cost is the paint. Senior tax work off people could paint the fence or the boy scouts who are looking for community service. Ms. Gauthier mentioned there may be some concerns from the Historical Commission as Rural Glen Cemetery is being viewed as a historical registry area. Mr. Williams pointed out the fence may not be part of the proposed historical area.

Further discussion ensued about how to deal with the fence replacement, if any, or if to paint the fence and any historical value with the existing fence.

It was decided to wait to see what the Historical Commission determines after their meeting on July 3rd.

Mr. Sweeney will examine the fence with the DPW Director to determine what needs to be addressed first. Mr. Galante suggested replacing a section at a time as funding allows. Mr. Newcomb suggested placing an article on the town meeting warrant to see how the voters want to proceed. Ms. Scheipers stated Mr. Kilhart had wanted to purchase a new mower with some of that money as one is close to no longer working. Selectboard suggested checking out historical status first.

Discussion about mower maintenance ensued. The Board will revisit the fence situation at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine M. Peterson
Town Secretary

Approved: June 30, 2014.