

**Cemetery Association
Minutes of Meeting
April 18, 2012**

The Town of Camden Cemetery Association held a meeting on the above date. Present were Jeff Weymouth, Parker Laite, Sr., Kristine Lerner, Isa Babb, Pat Ayers, Larry Gross, and Jeff Sukeforth. Also attending were Select Board member Don White, Jr., Sexton Bruce Libby, Parks Director Jeff Kuller, Town Manager Pat Finnigan and Finance Director Carol Sue Greenleaf. The meeting was chaired by Jeff Sukeforth.

A site walk was held at 3:00 P.M. (prior to meeting) at the Oak Hill Cemetery. Association members and guests visited both cemetery sites (north and south). They were able to view work on the pillars (in progress) at the south side entrance. On the north side of the cemetery stakes were in place to indicate where 11 trees will be planted. The trees will be planted 40 ft. apart. Jeff Sukeforth told the group that watering will be done by Farley & Son (they are also planting the trees) and will be no more than \$2,100. If Farley's water and a tree dies it will be replaced without cost. The Committee also addressed agenda item 4 "Allowing upright headstones at the Oak Hill North Cemetery (By-law change?). After some thoughts were presented it was decided to continue the discussion in Town at their scheduled meeting.

1. Approve the minutes of the January 25, 2012 meeting - Parker Laite made a motion, "to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2012 meeting as written". The motion was 2nd by Jeff Weymouth and approved by a vote.
2. Stone pillars at Oak Hill Cemetery (update) – A few questions were asked and Parker responded to each.
3. Trees at Oak Hill North (update) – Jeff Sukeforth reiterated what he had told the group at the site walk.
4. Allowing upright headstones at the Oak Hill North Cemetery (By-law change)? – This discussion continued. There are several options available (taller headstones along just the back or all over etc.). Kristine Lerner expressed how important she felt it was to offer Camden residents a "choice". Concern for the future maintenance costs was noted. Bruce Libby believes more graves will be sold if the public is offered a choice. He was asked to roughly calculate how many remaining graves are available to sell at the Mt. View Cemetery and the Oak Hill (south) Cemetery. It was decided that a survey of the public would be helpful. Pat Finnigan offered to develop one. Kristine Lerner will assist her.
5. Financial reports – Carol Sue reviewed the financial reports ending March 31, 2012 with the Committee. At this point in the fiscal year expenses and revenues would typically be at 75%. Expenses are a little higher (84.14%) because the largest expenditure (contracted maintenance with the Town) has been paid. Revenues are higher (90.85%)

because anticipated investment income was budgeted lower due to recent year's experience. It was noted that only 2 graves (Mt. View Cemetery) have been sold to date in this fiscal year. Parker Laite made a motion, "to accept the financial reports as presented". The motion was 2nd by Larry Gross and approved by a vote.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in the Washington Street Conference Room. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Sue Greenleaf