

Bedford Cemetery Trustees Meeting
March 6, 2018
Town Offices

Present: David Bailey, Chair, Melinde Lutz Byrne, Secretary, and Steven Wiggin, Member.

Meeting was called to order at 2:18 AM. Minutes from the last meeting are already approved and posted.

First order of business was to discuss Kai Nalenz's response to the successful bid.

Motion, by David Bailey and seconded by Steven Wiggin: To extend the deadline of the 2017 gravestone repair contract granted to the bidder Gravestone Services of New England to the end of October 2018. Unanimously passed. The Trustees reserve the right to extend that deadline under extenuating circumstances.

Motion, by Steve Wiggin and seconded by Melinde Byrne: To do an RFP for Beals Cemetery by May 1, 2018. Unanimously passed. The Trustees reserve the right to extend that deadline under extenuating circumstances.

Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal by candidate John T. Moore.

Motion by David Bailey and seconded by Steven Wiggin: To accept the Eagle Scout Service project to identify and mark gravestones of veterans in Bedford cemeteries. Unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued about signage for all four cemeteries. Suggestions included doing new signs now and erecting them later.

David Bailey will attend Town Meeting next week.

Steven Wiggin reported on his meeting with Jeff Foote and Einstein and reviewed the contract. The Town and Einstein agreed to extend the maintenance contract. There will be a separate bid to clean the areas where trees once stood on the bounds of the cemeteries. Leaves will need to be carted out in future, as is stated in the existing contract.

Discussion ensued about the sprinkler system where the ground is very wet. It was decided to turn on the water faucets but not for the sprinkler system. The sprinklers can be turned on in the event of draught conditions.

Discussion ensued about the availability of lots in the future. Sales are very numerous. Sexton Lori Radke was invited into the meeting to discuss the connections purchasers of lots have to Bedford. Radke reminded us of the availability of property at the end of the athletic fields on Joppa Hill Road. Any changes to the number of lots that could be purchased by individuals would require a change in by-laws, a public hearing, and presentation to the Town Council.

Motion to accept minutes of this meeting was seconded and unanimously passed

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melinde Lutz Byrne, Secretary