

*Town of Atkinson
Cemetery Trustees
Regular Meeting
Tuesday June 30, 2015*

MINUTES

Open Meeting:

Chairman K. Friel opened the Regular Meeting of the Atkinson Cemetery Trustees at 7:29 PM on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, in the Atkinson Town Hall.

Members Present:

K. Friel, Chairman
S. Garrity
R. Patuto

Others Present:

M. Stoddard

Acceptance of Minutes:

**R. Patuto made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted.
Second: K. Friel. Vote: 2/0/1.**

Budget Status/Financial Report:

None.

New Business:

Tree Planting:

M. Stoddard came to request permission to plant a tree next to her son's grave. She explained that she had purchased another lot in Section V, next to Stasios' plot, and had requested and was granted permission to plant a tree in the extra lot, prior to the moratorium on planting trees. R. Patuto noted that the owner of the lot is responsible to maintain the tree. He added that the Town was not responsible for any damage to the tree as a result of routine cemetery operations.

R. Patuto asked that the location of the tree be staked, and that it should be a tall tree rather than a wide one.

**R. Patuto made the motion to permit M. Stoddard to plant a tree, as discussed, since permission had been given prior to the moratorium.
Second: K. Friel. Vote: 2/0/1.**

Following this discussion, it was decided to revise the Cemetery Rules to preclude purchasing additional lots for benches and/or plantings, since space in the existing cemetery is limited.

Eagle Scout

W. Clapp has received permission from the Trustees to create a meditation area with a bench and plantings for his Eagle Scout project. Pending approval from his Scoutmaster and council, he will begin under the supervision of R. Patuto and Groundskeeper M. Watkins.

Items Disappearing:

B. Patuto noted that some hoses, hose nozzles and watering cans were being removed from the cemetery. He recommended no longer replacing the watering cans and nozzles. The Trustees all agreed.

Tree Pruning:

R. Patuto reported that there were several trees in need of attention in the cemetery. He said that Tree Warden E. Stewart was unable to do that work himself, and recommended using a qualified arborist. S. Garrity suggested using M. Bisol, 4 Coventry Road, who had done some work for her quite reasonably. R. Patuto will get an evaluation and estimates for the work.

Active Participation:

R. Patuto again expressed his disappointment at not having flowers for Memorial Day. S. Garrity said there was a mis-communication concerning the plantings. K. Friel said she understood if S. Garrity was unable to devote the time to the position of Trustee. S. Garrity said she would consider her options.

Future Agenda:

Next meeting July 28, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Adjournment:

**R. Patuto made the motion to adjourn at 9:10 PM. Second. K. Friel.
Vote: 3/0/0.**

Kathleen Friel, Chairman

Sydni Garrity

Robert Patuto