



CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 16, 2016  
3:30 pm  
ROOM C  
AUDREY P. BECK BUILDING

Present: Rudy Favretti (Chair), Barry Burnham, Jeanne Mogayzel,  
Staff present: Amy Meriwether Accounting Manager/Treasurer), Mary Stanton (Town Clerk), Mary Landeck by phone (Sexton),

Chair Rudy Favretti called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1. Discussion of Finances  
A. Merriwether provided a detail report on the revenues and expenditures of the Cemetery Committee to date, noting that while expenditures have increased revenues have not.
2. Approval of Minutes  
B. Burnham moved and Jeanne Mogayzel seconded to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2015 and the September 29, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mansfield Cemetery Event  
Town Librarian Leslie Mc Donough outlined plans for a Walktober event in the Old Mansfield Center Cemetery. The plan is to offer a guided walk through the cemetery highlighting the graves of some of the Revolutionary War participants who are buried there. Members hardily approved of the concept. Mr. Favretti will obtain a copy of the history section of the National Historic Registry report for the cemetery.
4. Sexton Report  
In response to the Sexton's written report, members agreed to add consideration of increasing the cost of a cemetery plot as an agenda item for the next meeting. The Chair reported that the ballasts have been installed in the Gurley Cemetery but the wall remains an outstanding issue
5. Restoration Plans for 2016  
Due to financial considerations the Committee agreed that restoration work would be limited to work that could be paid for with grant funding. If the Neglected Cemetery Grant is not offered this year the Committee would consider applying for a 1772 Foundation Grant in 2017.
6. Maintenance Contracts  
Members reviewed the submitted contracts for maintenance and mowing. Prices for clean-up increased slightly. B. Burnham moved and J. Mogayzel seconded to

approve the maintenance contracts submitted by Mike Landeck and Bob's Lawn and Yard Service. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Scattering Grounds

Members discussed the identified scattering grounds options in the Mansfield Cemetery. B. Burnham moved and J. Mogayzel seconded to table the discussion indefinitely since there has been little demand for such an area. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Neglected Cemetery Grant

The Sexton and Town Clerk have prepared a grant application in anticipation of this grant being offered again this year. Last year the opportunity to submit the grant was very limited. This year's application would target gravestone restoration work in the Old Mansfield Cemetery. B. Burnham moved and J. Mogayzel seconded to approve the submission of the grant application as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Burnham moved and J. Mogayzel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Stanton, Town Clerk