

**CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 12, 2011**

**PRESENT: Donald Burke, Janet Brown, Robert Gordon**

**GUEST: Judy Rogers, Bruce Richards Sr. of Cutting Blade Lawn Care**

**Meeting called to order @5:00pm.**

The minutes of the March 2011 meeting were read and accepted by all.

Rob Gordon prepared the bid sheets for the replacement of wooden fence at Center Square Cemetery and a second bid for paint and painting.

The first bid was opened by Rob Gordon at 5:14pm and was submitted by HOLM-Z-S' DE-Z-IGNS owner David Holmes. He bid \$8,850.00 for replacement of wooden fence at Center Square. He bid \$2,000.00 for paint and painting of new fence making the total bid for both projects \$10,850.00.

The second bid opened by Robert Gordon was Jon A. Colburn. He bid \$5,350.00 for replacement of wooden fence at Center Square Cemetery. He bid \$2,100.00 for paint and painting new fence making total bid for both projects \$7,450.00.

Robert Gordon made motion to approve and accept the bid of Jon A. Colburn, seconded by Don Burke. Janet Brown rescued herself from vote.

Robert Gordon said we have chosen Jon A. Colburn's proposal. We will move forward and let the Selectmen know our decision by letter to them and include both bid proposals and our decision to approve and accept Jon Colburn's bid in the amount of \$7,450.00 in time for their Selectmen meeting on Monday night, the 18<sup>th</sup>.

We met with Bruce Richard of Cutting Blade Lawn Care to talk about and address problems with us. He said he was upset when he read our minutes of the Cemetery Trustees meeting after Memorial Day last year. We had voted to fire him for his poor performance last year for not having cemeteries cleaned up and moved for Memorial Day. He said a number of cemeteries had storm damage and unable to get it all done and have time to mow. He also said we had praised his lawn care of the cemeteries the year before.

Janet said when we saw the condition of the cemeteries last few days before Memorial Day we kept calling and leaving messages and you never returned our calls and we heard you would have them done.

When all of us saw the condition of the cemeteries last Memorial Day we were saddened and outraged for the family's most sacred day to honor their loved ones and Veteran's. They had to bring their own mowers.

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Don Burke stated we all got calls from families, friends and loved ones outraged at us. Rob Gordon said you should have at least called us to say you couldn't do them in time so we could have hired someone to do it. Rob also said he thought you should have a plan of how many man hours to do cleanup at each cemetery if it takes much longer because of many limbs from storm damage. Let us now we will inspect and look at what needs or cost to remove it.

Robert Gordon talked about the 18 cemeteries that just get clean up in spring and fall clean up. He was able to locate the Tristan Johnson Cemetery off Bart Clough Road owned by Pope family. There is a large oak tree which has fallen into this cemetery that needs to be cut up and stacked on property which the Pope family agreed to. We will send the Pope's letter of intent when we get help to do this job. Rob gave directions to Mr. Richards.

Mr. Richards said he has never found the Green Cemetery off Eben Paige Road. Rob will try and locate this cemetery.

We all appreciated Mr. Richard for meeting with us about his concerns and our questions. We know that working together the cemeteries will be better if we take care of problems when they happen. We all benefited from the meeting. Thank you, Mr. Richards.

Regarding the Don Peaslee Stone wall retaining wall on Rt. 77 North Weare project, we meet with the State Highway Dept. They will waive the bond. The right-of-way is okay. We will be allowed to close one lane with signs and certified flaggers from Highway Dept.

The State will not allow us to put in 4' ditch and set in 8x2x2 cement blocks as a base for rebuilding and resetting new wall. They said this 4' ditch and blocks are only 18" from the road and will undermine and collapse the road. Rob Gordon will meet Andrew Spielberger at cemetery to plan a different solution for this cemetery.

Donald Rogers will be retiring soon from his job. He and Judy hope to travel this summer. He needs to have someone available to help with burials, and help with grave sites. He has someone in mind he wants to train before the summer. We are fine with this and just let us know when this is completed.

Don Burke will find out from Legion about the flags at Pine Grove that need to be replaced.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Brown, Secretary