

TOWN OF READSBORO
Cemetery Commission
Regular Meeting-6:00pm
March 8th, 2016
Old Village Office

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the following members present: Forrest Hicks, Priscilla Margola, and Neal Houston. Bob Scott was available by phone as he cannot drive due to ankle surgery.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

No Agenda additions/deletions

Approval of Agenda

Neal moved to approve the agenda as written, Forrest seconded, so voted.

Next the minutes of January 12th were reviewed by all present. Bob had reviewed these minutes also and said all was in order. Priscilla made a Motion to approve the January 12th minutes, Neal seconded, so voted. Forrest made a Motion to change the day of our meetings to the second Thursday at 6pm, due to Priscilla being a Library Trustee and their meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Neal seconded, so voted. Forrest asked that Priscilla notify Amber and Rebecca that all minutes including January 12th have been approved. Please indicate such on the web site.

Old Business

Next discussed was the status of the tree at the Heartwellville Cemetery. Due to lack of snow, the Tree Service does not want to attempt the taking down of the tree as their vehicle uses wide rubber tracks and would make deep ruts in the ground. It was agreed by all to wait until either we get snow or a hard freeze so that the cemetery grounds would not be affected.

New Business

Election of Officers

Forrest Hicks as Chair, Bob Scott as Assistant Chair, Priscilla Margola as Secretary and Neal Houston as Alternate Secretary.

The request by the Cemetery Commission for the amount of \$10,000 was approved at the Town Meeting of March 7th to continue the work of repairing the stones at South Readsboro Cemetery.

Ted Hopkins approached Forrest about the development of long range plans for the expansions of both the South Readsboro Cemetery and the Village Cemetery. With the clearing of trees at

South Readsboro the next step is to remove the stumps and level the ground for future burial sites. At the Village Cemetery, the land for the new section was acquired some time ago and has been kept cleared of brush by Danny Birch for several years. Stumps and other rocks will need to be removed for development of new burial sites. A road has been proposed as it is needed to access this new area.

It is the opinion of the Cemetery Commission that a joint meeting between members of the Selectboard and the Cemetery Commission be formed to develop long range plans for the future expansion of both the South Readsboro and the Village Cemetery.

Forrest made a Motion to adjourn the meeting with Neal seconding, so voted.

Our next meeting will be April 14th on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Priscilla Margola, Secretary