

**Cemetery Association  
Minutes of Meeting  
October 12, 2011**

The Town of Camden Cemetery Association held a meeting on the above date. Present were Isa Babb, Jeff Sukeforth, Pat Ayers, Larry Gross and Kristine Lerner. Also attending were Sexton Bruce Libby, Select Board member Don White, Jr., Town Manager Pat Finnigan, Parks and Recreation Director Jeff Kuller and Finance Director Carol Sue Greenleaf. The meeting was chaired by Jeff Sukeforth.

1. Approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting – Reported under “Other” Pat Ayers asked about the suggestion that weather proof maps be installed at the cemeteries to assist the public. Carol Sue explained that Parker Laite had made the suggestion at the very end of the meeting. It was agreed that not everyone heard the request. No changes were made to the minutes. Pat Ayers made a motion, “to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2011 meeting as written”. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isa Babb and approved by a vote.
2. Financial reports – Carol Sue reported that the Trust investment interest figures (to be paid) for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2011 were:

*Mountain View Cemetery Fund \$17,556*  
*Oak Hill Cemetery Fund \$5,828*  
*Irene F. Laite Trust \$1,888*

These anticipated revenues were higher than budgeted for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2012.

Kristine Lerner made a motion, “to approve the financial reports as presented”. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isa Babb and approved by a vote.

3. Upright headstones at Oak Hill North (discussion) – The Mt. View Cemetery is almost filled with the exception of a few lots that are not very desirable due to wet conditions. Kristine Lerner expressed the importance of a family having a “choice” in the selection of a headstone. Committee members discussed the pros and cons if upright headstones were allowed. Jeff Kuller noted that the cost to maintain a cemetery with upright stones is more than a cemetery with flat stones. Bruce Libby cautioned the committee to make this decision before any lots were sold at the Oak Hill North Cemetery. He also said that he did not think the cost would be any higher if the lots were laid out correctly. It was agreed that charging more money at the time of sale (for lots) where upright stones would (or might) be installed (possibly many years later) was not practical. It was decided to carry this decision over to the January 2012 meeting. The Oak Hill Cemetery by-law addressing headstones would need to be “edited”.
4. Award contract for stone pillars at the Oak Hill Cemetery - Jeff Sukeforth read the bid amounts for the Oak Hill South pillar work:

Farley & Son, Inc. \$12,871  
James A. Kierstead-Mason \$13,600

The difference between bids was \$729.00. After reviewing the bid specification documents it was felt that the pillars were too high and further agreement to reject the bids and rework the specifications. Jeff Sukeforth made a motion, "to reject the 2 bids received and to review/rewrite the bid specifications". The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isa Babb and approved by a vote. Carol Sue will send letters to both thanking them for their bid and explaining result.

OTHER

Jeff Sukeforth asked Jeff Kuller to remind his Parks staff to remove U.S. flags (leaving holders) while completing the fall cleanup work. He said the Fire Chief would have someone remove their department flags as well.

Pat Ayers reported that she had received a telephone call from someone asking about the cleaning of headstones. She referred them to Bruce Libby. Carol Sue reminded the committee that headstones are considered "personal property" and should be maintained by family etc. if living.

Jeff Kuller is working on a grant called "Project Canopy" which will be used to obtain and plant trees. He would include 6 trees to be planted at the Oak Hill North Cemetery (roadside) if the committee was interested. They agreed that trees would be a nice improvement.

The next regular meeting will be scheduled for January 18, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. in the Washington Street Conference Room. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Sue Greenleaf