

# BETHANY CEMETERY COMMISSION

## MINUTES

September 24, 2020

*(rescheduled from original date of September 10, 2020)*

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kris Sullivan at about 6:15 pm. In attendance were members Will Brinton, Michael Calhoun, Carol Goldberg and Kris Sullivan.

The Commission met on site at the Old Cemetery, 89 Meyers Road.

The Commission members walked through to evaluate the condition of the monuments and grounds.

The following items were noted:

1. A number of stones are either broken, fallen or leaning. We need to make a list of monuments to repair both here and at other cemeteries.
2. There is a large dead tree in the northeast corner of the cemetery as well as a couple of dead ash trees near the front gate. These should be removed by a tree professional before they become an issue.
3. A large branch is laying on the ground in the southwest corner. Brush and small trees have also grown in from the border in several areas. At some point, this growth should be cleared back to the stonewalls to help prevent damage as well improve the overall appearance.

The Commission discussed the issue of plot transfers between private parties. The town attorney prepared a draft revision of Section 3.5 of the cemetery regulations, which was sent to members to review. He also modified the town cemetery deeds to accommodate the proposed private sales.

The Commission favored the concept of allowing private party transfers, if they are done with town-approved deeds and recorded on the land records.

There was concern about the town being responsible for taking back unwanted plots, so the consensus was not to recommend that change to the Selectmen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available.

The next meeting will be held via web access on October 15, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Will made a motion, seconded by Carol, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:15 pm. Unanimous approval.

*William L. Brinton*

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Acting Secretary

