## MINUTES OF MEETING

## NORTON CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

**DATE**:

December 2, 2014

TIME:

3:40: p.m.

LOCATION:

Norton Town Hall Board Room

Members present:

Chairman Daniel M. Rich, Clarence Butch Rich, Albert "Nibby" Watson

Mary Ellen Stentiford, Joyce K. Bernardo

Others attending:

Keith Silver and William "Billy" Watson

## **NEW BUSINESS**:

1. Albert "Nibby" Watson proposed any applications for a Veteran Graveside Markers have no charge for the marker. This marker should be given to the veteran's family for the graveside. He wanted to change the ruling as it now stands from \$100.00 to "NO CHARGE." This would be for veterans only.

Joyce Bernardo made the motion to include the Graveside Marker as a gift (no charge) for all veterans. This was seconded by Clarence "Butch" Rich.

2. Keith Silver (Highway Department Manager) said he would like to start a road in the newly acquired land that the Town purchased for a new cemetery. This cemetery will be called the Newland Street Cemetery He would like to work on the road as time permits with his department so that work would not have to be under any time constraints when the cemetery is needed, which will be in the very near future. He showed the plans for a road that would enter on Newland Street and run across the proper with a cul-de-sac.

Butch Rich made the suggestion to contact Wheaton to see if they had some students that were in Urban Development that would be interested in helping with the layout.

Billy Watson will put together a proposed layout for the gravesites and get back with the board with the number of gravesites that this new cemetery could possibly have.

There was some discussion to tier the plots but with the water table that would not be possible.

Another suggestion made was to have a building for the people that are cremated. This building would hold boxes for urns. The cost of this was unknown and further investigation would have to be looked at further down the road to cost, size etc.

Motion made by Mary Ellen Stentiford to have Keith Silver from the Highway Department to start the road through the new road as time permits. Motion seconded by Joyce Bernardo.

Daniel Rich brought up the Earlier Settler's Cemetery off of toad Island Road. He had been approached by Christopher Cox (Norton Historical Society) and others that would like to clean up the cemetery. Dan and Chris had a meeting with these people, Joyce Marshall, David Dumont, John Sina. They are interested in cleaning up the brush, trimming trees, weeds in and around the cemetery.

There was no problem with cleaning brush, trimming trees and weeds in and around the cemetery as long as they do not try to clean the granite stones. There is a certain to clean the stones without ruining the granite. A suggestion was made to have Chris Cox try and get a grant to clean up the granite stones.

- 4. Billy Watson will get a list of all cemeteries to each member of the board
- 5. The next meeting will be January 7, 2015, AT 3:30 P.M., at the town garage office.

  Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Approved:

| Daniel M. Rich, Chairman | Date | Clarence P. Rich Jr. | Date |
| Mary Ellen Stentiford | Date | Albert Watson | Date |
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