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Cemetery Committee Meeting, was held on this date of July 19, 2017 at the office in the Town Hall.

The meeting convened before 1 pm. With members, Ken Banks, Glenn Hammill, Robb *GH* Gledhill as Superintendent and Mike Clayton Superintendent of Streets.

We have 3 burial plot purchases deeds to be signed.

The Committee is in favor of increasing the Burial Plots Purchase to \$800.00 and the Opening Cost also to \$800.00. The Upright Memorial Monument option will remain the same at \$150.00 per plot, a two (2) plot minimum for this option. Cremation burials will increase to \$400.00. The Winters Fees will remain the same at \$200.00. Saturday Burials are \$200.00 till 12 o'clock, plus \$50.00 every ½ hour after 12 o'clock. This fee increasing will take effect July 1st 2018, so as to bring the town even with surrounding towns burial fees.

After meeting with the (TA) Town Administrator and with Mike Clayton of the Highway Department about our two departments combining and establishing a more formal and permanent organizational structure. We are all in agreement and support this merger. We also know this will take time, as we work out the logistics between Mike, GH and the Cemetery Trustees.

1st } The Cemetery Trustees request to have and hold; an active input in budgeting, along with the articles & encumbrances. The management direction of the Cemeteries future projects and the hours allotted to complete these project on a timely fashion. As well as maintain general, and perpetual cemetery duties.

2nd } The Cemetery Trustees would rather leave the 3 member Cemetery Trustees, appointed by the Selectmen in place. While have Mike Clayton be appointed by the Selectmen as a Associate Trustee working with the authority of the Cemetery Trustees. We support the idea of Mike as an associate member and feel his input will be very valuable, with our long term plans. We have our reservation about changing the composition of the committee by adding him as a voting member.

3rd } The Cemetery Trustees voted in favor of having Selectmen Brian Burke as a liaison. Working directly with the Cemetery Trustees, and GH Superintendent of the Cemetery Dept. Our hope is to bring attention to our daily operations and our future plans. We choose Mr. Burke for his fair and honest approach to decision making. His litigation skill may come in handy as we go forth with our future building plans.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Minutes were taken by *GH*

