

Draft
Town of Enfield
Cemetery Committee
Enfield Town Hall
Wednesday, June 16, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Present: Sue Thompson, Ed Thompson, Matt Lincoln, John Linton, Alice Linton, Ed Hetherington, Helen Hetherington. Wayne Snyder and Pat Dougherty were unable to attend.

Committee Members: The committee recommended having the town clerk and town burial coordinator be ex-officio members of the committee. John Linton and Helen Hetherington would like to join the committee with the town board's approval.

Official Closing of Presbyterian Cemetery to sales and burials: The committee recommended officially closing Presbyterian Cemetery as there is no room for future plot sales or burials.

Possible Closing of Budd Cemetery to sales: There are currently 6 plots sold for future burials. Matt, Sue and Alice will meet in August to see if there is adequate space for these 6 plots and if there is any further space available.

Possible Closing of Rolfe Cemetery to sales: The committee recommended donating one free plot to Barbara Parker, next to Wilmont Parker's plot, as they maintained the cemetery for many years. They also recommended letting the Parker family purchase additional lots at the regular price of \$300 per plot. There are 5 plots the Smith family has purchased for future burials. This area will be rechecked for the exact number of plots available. Matt, Sue and Alice will meet in August to see if there is any further space. If there is further space, it was recommended that plots be sold for cremation burials only to anyone who has other family members buried in the cemetery.

Recommendation for selling plots in Christian Cemetery: Although there are approximately 62 plots unsold, the committee recommended setting aside 12 of those "just in case" there is confusion from past sales when records were not kept carefully. The committee recommends to the town board that the Christian Cemetery remain open for sales of plots at \$300 each, both for full burials and cremations. That is a very reasonable price, but often family members need life insurance payments to purchase a lot; or they aren't comfortable buying a plot too far in advance not knowing what the future will hold.

Repair of headstones: It was suggested there might be grants available through the NYS Board of Cemeteries for stone repair. Also, it was suggested to contact Historic Ithaca and see if they would consider sponsoring a class on stone repair and using some of the stones in Enfield to demonstrate. Rolfe Cemetery has the most stones that need repair.

Mowing of cemeteries: Wayne Snyder, who maintained the cemeteries for many years, suggested that once a month mowing during the growing season wasn't enough. The committee recommended the town board evaluate the need for more frequent mowing.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice M. Linton, RMC
Enfield Town Clerk