

Cemetery Trustees Meeting  
August 3, 2017  
Lyme Center Academy, adjourned to the  
Beale Cemetery, Dorchester Road

Present: Laurie Wadsworth, chair; Jay Cary, Treasurer; Michael Hinsley, fountain of knowledge; Jim Henderson, arborist from Henderson's Tree Service

NOTE: A note was left on the door of the Lyme Center Academy that we were meeting in the cemetery.

The purpose of this on-site meeting was to get advice and quotes for removing several dead trees from the Beale Cemetery before they fall and damage the 19th c. gravestones there. Laurie had contacted Jim Henderson since we were pleased with the job he had done removing several tall, dead trees from the Old Cemetery in 2016.

After surveying the site, Jim offered two different scenarios for felling the trees. Each one would involve roping the tree and pulling it manually toward the preferred area. Each option also would involve some vehicles that would require a temporary ramp be built from the Dorchester Road into the cemetery, for access. In either case, one head and footstone (Abigail Cole, 1856) would be temporarily removed and later replaced in its original spot in order to protect it from stray limbs, etc. (Note: this stone has already fallen from its original base, so needs to be repaired anyway.)

One option would be to down the trees over the stone wall on the north side, and then have that stone wall rebuilt. The other option is to fell the trees toward the center of the cemetery, where there are no stones. In the second scenario, the resulting wood chips could be used to fill in hollows left in the ground from previous fallen trees.

There are two trees in the west center of the cemetery that should definitely come down, and another dead tree along the road (south) side. Trustees also noted at least 4 other living trees that are a potential danger in an ice, wind or snow storm.

Jim Henderson will consider the cost and send Laurie an estimate, tree by tree, within a week. The Trustees will meet again in August to consider the estimates and decide on the most cost-efficient option. Jim also estimates that the work could be done around the second week of September.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Wadsworth