

Cemetery Trustees Meeting
June 28, 2017 6:30 PM
Churchill-Melvin House, 15 Main Street

Present: Laurie Wadsworth, chair; Jay Cary, Treasurer; Michael Hinsley

At this brief meeting, we made some preliminary plans for 2017:

- Change meeting time from 6:30 to 5:15.
- Laurie will contact Jonathan Appell to continue his work on the stones in the Old Cemetery.
- Forego hiring the landscaper for Highland. He never showed up last year, and we think he is traveling out west. We'll save that expense of \$3,000 and put the money toward tree work instead.
- We each had visited at least one of the cemeteries this Spring, and feel that in general most are in good shape. Laurie and Jay had done some clean-up at Highland before Memorial Day. However, Michael expressed concerns about the old gravestones in Beal Cemetery.
- Start by examining the trees in Beal Cemetery, on Dorchester Road. One of the oldest in Lyme, the old stones are threatened by very tall trees, especially the ones near the center of the graveyard. The access is difficult, however, and will add to the expense. We might also consider continued work on the old stone wall that surrounds the cemetery, and on the gate.
- Since we were very pleased with his work last summer removing trees in the Old Cemetery (which also presented tricky access), Trustees voted to ask Jim Henderson of Henderson's Tree Service to give us an estimate for work at Beal. Laurie will contact him and arrange a time when the three of us can meet with Jim at Beal Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Wadsworth

ADDENDUM: Jonathan Appel is coming in late summer/early fall. We are meeting Jim Henderson at Beal on August 3.