

Cemetery Trustees Meeting
April 10, 2018
5:30 P.M.

Highland, Old and Gilbert Cemeteries

Present: Laurie Wadsworth, chair; Jay Cary, Treasurer; Michael Hinsley; Jim Henderson of Henderson't Tree Service

[NOTE: Our previously scheduled meeting was postponed because of heavy snowfalls.]

This Special meeting was called to walk three of our cemeteries with Jim Henderson to get his advice about maintenance and possible removal of trees. The Cemetery Trustees have been very pleased with the last two large and complicated tree removals that Henderson's has delivered for us at reasonable prices: 2016 at the Old Cemetery, and 2017 at the remote Beal Cemetery.

We moved from Highland Cemetery (High Street) to the Old Cemetery (Pleasant Street) to Gilbert (off River Road). Below are brief notes; Jim's proposals, received shortly after this meeting/walk are attached to these Minutes.

We met at 5:30 and adjourned about 7:30 as dusk approached.

Highland Cemetery: Laurie drove through with Jim to review the "lay of the land." We noted a few overhanging limbs, some dead trees, and some bare spots. Jim then walked with Jay and Michael for a closer look.

Old Cemetery: Some more dying trees that threaten old stones were identified for possible removal. We also sought advice about some plantings to screen the Dowd's parking lot after the removal of trees in the northwest corner in 2016.

Gilbert Cemetery: Several trees that Jim had identified a few years ago have pink ribbons around them. We considered the benefits (safety of the old stones) as well as disadvantages, such as disturbing the quiet, "sanctuary" feeling in the place afforded in part by the tree cover.

Before adjourning, we requested that Henderson's submit three proposals/estimates: one for each of the three cemeteries we surveyed, and Jim agreed.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Wadsworth, chair & secretary,
Lyme Cemetery Trustees

ATTACHMENTS: Three Proposals from Henderson's , # 79816, 79817, 79818.