

Lyme Cemetery Trustees
Minutes - August 29, 2018

Jay Cary, Michael Hinsley & Laurie Wadsworth met in the Lyme Historians' meeting room at 5:30 PM.

Grubs & skunks problems - Highland and Old

Trustees retroactively approved the work to remove the skunks and to hire Chipper's of Woodstock, VT to apply the initial treatment for grubs at \$2900.00. We decided to wait until after Town Meeting to approve the second treatment, to be applied in the spring, @ estimate of \$2500, to go in a contingency fund for that purpose.

We decided to also postpone any resodding until the fall. Dina had put out bids, and received one for a reasonable price of \$1700; however, Trustees feel that if the drought continues, any new grass will not grow. Instead, we decided to ask Dina to hire Matt Thibodeau or Adam O'Donnell to roll the lawns in question and sprinkle them regularly this fall. Michael will contact Scott Bailey to see if the Town has enough sprinklers, and if not, the Cemetery Trustees will buy more of them. They should be used regularly.

Review of Bartlett Tree contract: Jay

Jay reviewed the contract from Bartlett Tree Co. We did not hire them this year. It looks like we have been paying them for several years to fertilize trees in Highland and treat them with pesticides. Since now we have to have those trees trimmed back, it seems that we can discontinue fertilizing them!

As for pesticides, we decided to take a hiatus on pest management (except for the necessary grub treatment from Chipper's) and come up with an overall policy. We are concerned about run-off, especially considering the upland location, with run-off entering our brooks and the Connecticut River. As the Recreation Commission has a successful relationship with Chipper's, we might hire them to oversee all the landscaping work at Highland (trees, overgrown shrubs, lawn). We will try to meet with their representative this winter.

Water and road problems at Highland - Bill L.

Bill was unable to attend the meeting, so this discussion was postponed.

J. Appell - report from Jay

Jonathan was here for a few days and Jay was able to chat briefly with him before Jon had to leave. We still hope that he can return and continue to work in the Old Cemetery, and perhaps at least give us an assessment of the stones in Beal.

Meanwhile, Jay urged us to review our overall objectives for gravestone repair and restoration. For instance, Jon gave him some of the spray-on cleaner, so we could work on some of the stones that have lichen growth ourselves.

Join "NH Old Graveyard Assn." - \$10/year ?

Trustees voted to join this organization, and to buy their Graveyard Restoration handbook for \$15, for a total expenditure of \$25.00.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.