

Lyme Cemetery Trustees
Minutes - March 26, 2019
Lyme Historians office & Old Cemetery

Called to order 5:45 PM

1. Approved Minutes of October meeting.
2. Review of winter damage to cemeteries:
 - Highland (see note below)
 - Porter, Gilbert, Beal - all appear to be fine (the snow is still on the ground at Beal)
 - Old - Jay had reported that several large limbs had fallen off the two large pines in the middle of the cemetery. Luckily, none had fallen directly on any headstones, though they came very close. He recommends that we consider taking these old trees down before more damage is done. To that end, we walked the Old Cemetery at the end of our meeting.
3. Treatment of skunk damage in Highland
 - Chipper's bill: We paid them \$2,900 in the fall, and they want to do a second treatment this spring for another \$3,500. Trustees think this is too much money for unpredictable results, so we voted to discontinue this treatment.
 - Instead, hire lawn care who would scrape away dead grass, cover with fresh loam, and plant grass seed this spring.
4. Road repair in Highland
 - The road on the north side has deep ruts (ironically, from water damage) which did not get repaired last year. Michael will take care of that.
 - Limbs down there, also. Will ask Henderson's to do clean-up there.
5. Hire Jonathan Appell to continue repairing headstones
 - Laurie will ask Jonathan to continue his work, but will also state clearly that we want him to work in Beal this year. Many stones there need attention. Michael can get a water tank up there for him to use.

- If Jonathan finishes in Beal, we'll ask him to continue in the Old Cemetery.
1. Walk in the Old Cemetery, where we observed the fallen limbs that Jay had reported. Each of those large old trees will take some expertise to access, since they are not near a road or field large enough for heavy equipment. Jay will contact Jim Henderson to get a quote on removal of the trees. —NOTE: due to weather, Henderson's did not do the work in there that we hired in 2018, so we have \$1500.00 "leftover" from our 2018 amount budgeted for tree work in the Old Cemetery, which we could apply toward 2019 work to remove these trees.

Adjourned 7:00 pm