

## Minutes Cemetery Trustees Meeting March 29, 2017

Present: Dana van der Bijl, Chair  
Don Watts  
Maureen Mann, Secretary  
Don Tordoff, outgoing member  
Mark Young, Cemetery Supervisor

Mark Young explained the intricacies of mowing and maintaining cemeteries. It requires a great deal of training and he feels the two current contractors—Averill Landscaping and TNT Landscaping-- are both now skilled in the job. Both provide certificates of insurance.

Young is paid \$400 per quarter of \$1600 per year. The trustees will undertake a salary comparison with neighboring communities to see where this fits. Young has not had an increase in many years.

Don Watts notified the trustees that there is a tree that needs work in one of the cemeteries on Ridge Road. Discussion covered who is responsible for taking down and removal. If it falls on the road Mark Young will remove the part obstructing the road in his role as road agent. He said it will be hard to get equipment into the cemetery to take down the tree.

There are 109 cemeteries in Deerfield. All are the responsibility of the town but the major attention is paid to the big three: Morrison, Old Center and Nottingham which has the most room to expand. Some of the smaller ones have been maintained by local individuals. There are trusts for maintenance of some of the cemeteries.

Prior to the next meeting, Maureen Mann will contact Jim Sullivan, senior Trustee of the Trust Funds, about which locations have individual trusts and all trust amounts.

The trustees plan to set a date to tour and assess each cemetery and set GPS locations. Then, using the town web site and local media, the trustees hope to encourage residents to "adopt" a cemetery.

Cemetery plots and arrangements for burial are made through Cemetery Supervisor Mark Young.

The next meeting will be on May 10, at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Mann