

There will be a Cemetery Commission meeting on Wednesday October 18, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Community Center.

Agenda:

Approve minutes of 6/14/23

Old Business

Mount Cemetery Stone wall completed

Mount land donation should be on Special Town Meeting agenda in November

Ireland Street Stone wall will not be on STM as agreed with SB. On annual Town Meeting.

BOH has not done test holes at Ireland Street Cemetery

New business

Have started sending data to All Funerals Services, still waiting for aerial photos of Center Cemetery since that is the cemetery we will start with for the mapping.

Possible easement at Center Cemetery for Access Road, should also ask for parking easement? This would be in return for Town splitting cost of repairs with owner in the rear.

Per Select Board all accounts appropriated as separate articles will revert back to free cash at start of new fiscal year. Money for those projects will have to be requested again.

Should we order more veteran's markers this year?

Rules and Regs revision

Any other business

**Chesterfield Cemetery Commission Minutes
Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center**

Present: Dee Cinner, Rick Roberts, Frederica Chick

Select Board Liaison: Trish Colson-Montgomery absent

Guests:

Minutes of 6/14/23 were MS and unanimously approved without changes.

Old Business

The small rear wall in the back of the active section of Mount Cemetery was beautifully rebuilt by East Tibetan Stonework, however Brenda informed Dee that the town accountant rejected payment because she couldn't find a 1099 form for the contractor who has had a tax number on file with the town and been paid for several projects since about 2009 or 10.

The Mount Cemetery land donation should be on the Special Town Meeting perhaps in November. Dee, Trish Colson-Montgomery, Don Willard and Larry Holmberg met with Mrs. Osborne in June at the cemetery to discuss the donation. Nothing has changed from the survey Larry did. There will be no tree cutting done by them on the property and Mrs. Osborne requested that when we build a road into the property that it be built on the upper property line so that they could also use it.

The Select Board unilaterally decided to put the funding request for the stone wall to be built on the rear property line of the new section of Ireland Street Cemetery will be on the Annual Town Meeting agenda instead of a STM agenda as agreed.

The Board of Health has not done the test holes to check the water table in Ireland Street Cemetery. Dee went to a BOH meeting in September. John Chandler said that they had to cancel a perc test for the preceding Friday, so that it is probably too wet to get a good result.

Silence Bonney stone with brass plaque has been installed in Center Cemetery to mark the first burial in Chesterfield. It looks very nice and fits in with the old stones.

New business

Have started sending data to All Funerals Services. Ben Bederson said he will take the aerial photos of Center Cemetery one of the next two weekends. Center Cemetery is where we will start the mapping process.

In a phone call Trish told Dee that Roger Fuller is now willing to give the Cemetery Commission an easement for the access road. The washouts are more than two feet deep in some places and it is very dangerous. Roger is negotiating with the landowner in the rear an arrangement where she will pay for materials and the town highway department will provide the labor to keep the road repaired. We decided that we should ask for an easement on the proposed parking area at the same time.

It was MS and passed unanimously to remove from inventory plots 23 and 24 in rows 11, 12, and 13(6 plots total) in Center Cemetery to allow for construction of the parking area.

It was MS and passed unanimously to order more of the aluminum veteran's flag holders this year.

In order not to lose some of the appropriated funds for projects at the end of the fiscal year, it was decided to add a 20x36 parking area similar to the one at Center Cemetery, rebuilding the access road at Ireland Street Cemetery, clearing the trees along it and rebuilding the road itself to the budget request for 2024 Annual Town Meeting. The price for this parking area will be greater than the one for center cemetery because it is both larger and other cemetery funds will be used to pay for part of the Center parking. Frederica will ask Chad for prices for the trees along the access road, but there are two

town ash trees on either side of the front stone wall that also need to be cut, one of which needs cut to rebuild the road.

Dee updated the draft Prices and Fees to reflect what was changed in June. It was MS and voted unanimously to submit these to the Select Board now since the body of the draft Rules and Regulations is not ready yet. (copy attached)

Andrew from Williamsburg Ironworks was visiting Center Cemetery and told me that the vault should be left open a couple of times a year. If it is not opened, it is in danger of completely rusting closed.

Frederica said that Evan Wiley had called and is ready to proceed with Oliver's written instructions for burial and a marker. He asked if a pink quartz marked would be acceptable, since Oliver had found one in the woods that he liked. She told him it just needs to be approved.

Submitted by Dee Cinner

Draft 6/23 Prices and Fees

Chesterfield Cemetery Commission

The proposed charges are as follows:

Right of burial Fees

Town Resident:

- \$250 Right of burial license
- \$250 Cemetery Stewardship charge per lot (non-refundable)*
- \$150 Cremains plot plus \$150 Stewardship fee (non-refundable)*

Non-Resident:

- \$650 Right of burial license
- \$250 Cemetery Stewardship charge per lot (non-refundable)*
- \$350 Cremains plot plus \$150 Stewardship fee (non-refundable)*

* Cemetery Stewardship fees provide for general upkeep and maintenance of the cemeteries.

Grave Opening/Closing Fees

Only the Cemetery Commission will arrange to open/close graves.

- a. Full body burial: \$1,000 Saturdays 9-12: additional \$250
- b. Cremains only: \$200 Saturdays 9-12: additional \$ 50

One hour is allowed for a graveside service. Beyond one hour, additional \$50/hour fee applies.

Plot Markers

Purchaser of right to burial is responsible for cost of individual plot markers. Check with Cemetery superintendent for current cost.

