
DURHAM CEMETERY COMPANY

July 14, 2010
SPECIAL MEETING
7:00 P.M.

Durham Town Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Durham Town Hall Third Floor Meeting Room.

Directors Present: Mary DiMella, Tom Palmieri, Dolores Caturano, Peg Atwell, Ken DiVito, Gerry Brown, Bob Atwell, Greg Burritt, Kim Garvis, Laura Francis, Barbara Olsen

Also Present: Ken Jay

1. Steve Weckesser: is concerned about tree trimming near his son's grave. Greg met with the tree contractor and explained the tree trimming cannot be completed until the fall because to do so now would be harmful to the health of the trees. Laura suggested DCC ask the tree contractor to write a letter stating when the pruning can be done in a manner the contractor deems appropriate for the safety of the trees. The DCC can then send a copy of this letter to Mr. Weckesser. Gerry asked Greg to call the tree contractor to request this information in writing.
2. Disinterment - Discussion regarding the March burial of Mrs. Trapp and subsequent disinterment. This is a three lot grave site and Mrs. Trapp was buried in the wrong grave. She has since been disinterred and buried in the correct lot at the expense of the cemetery. Ken Jay explained stone placement was unclear and he has since relocated the headstone. Gerry explained this is an example of why the new form for burial assignment is so important. At the time of purchase, owners, who purchase more than one gravesite, can give direction at that time as to who shall be buried in a specific grave. Ken Jay explained Middlefield has a log book with cards indicating specific burial location. In addition, Gerry stated cremains should be in non-biodegradable containers, i.e., marble, because tin and wood break down and are difficult to find. Cremains should also be buried near the headstone for ease of locating when burying additional cremains or caskets when multiple gravesites are owned by one family. Gerry explained he has had conversations with Mr. Trapp. He continued that DCC has done everything in its power to rectify this unfortunate situation. The dirt that was removed to reposition Mrs. Trapp was used to fill in the same grave site.
3. Two New Forms: Secretary reported the Assignment of Burial Rights form is a little confusing. She will rework the form to be reviewed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Garvis
Secretary