



**Riverside Memorial Cemetery Trustees
Minutes
Thursday, August 29, 2013
10:00 a.m.
William H. Jordan Conference Room
Town Hall**

Welcome

Roll Call

Present

Jessie Timberlake, Chairman
Beverly Brooking
Gerald Sherry

Richard Bauman, Conservation Commission
Frank Governali, Town Council
Debra Lane, Town Clerk
Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner

Public Comments None

Review of Possible Trail Connection through Riverside Memorial Cemetery – See letter from the Conservation Commission dated June 18, 2013

Maureen O'Meara and Richard Bauman presented an overview of the Conservation Commission's effort to update the 2001 Greenbelt Plan. The plan dates 1977, 1988 and 2001. The Comprehensive Plan dated 2001 also includes reference to the plan.

One of the commission's goals is to enhance the public's access to trails, open space and connectivity throughout the town.

A "conceptual" trail has been discussed at Riverside Memorial Cemetery which would add to the greenbelt map the existing road network within the cemetery. No physical changes are proposed. Signage on the edge of the cemetery property would not be placed without the approval of the Trustees.

Ms Timberlake asked what the anticipated impact (numbers of walkers and dogs) would be. She stated a concern with dog walkers not adhering to policies and ordinances to clean up.

Mr. Sherry stated the cemetery is a "rest area of peace and quiet contemplation." The cemetery "is not a public space as we think of it."

Mrs. Brooking shared the concerns of the members. She asked if it would be possible to run the trail off the roads, in the shoreland zone area abutting the cemetery.

Ms O'Meara and Mr. Bauman said they do not anticipate a huge impact to the use of the cemetery roads if the path is designated. They also understand the Trustees position of the respectful use of the cemetery. A trail on the border of the cemetery and marsh may not be possible due to the terrain and slope of the land.

The Trustees discussed other town properties used for trails and feel those are more appropriate e.g. Gull Crest and Poor Farm.

It was a consensus of the Trustees to respectfully request the cemetery not be designated as a trail on the greenbelt plan.

Approval of Minutes – May 17, 2013

Moved by Beverly Brooking and Seconded by Gerald Sherry to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 17, 2013 as presented.

(3) (0 no)

Request to Purchase Lots

Daniel & Deborah Files Wood

Moved by Beverly Brooking and Seconded by Jessie Timberlake to approve the request of Deborah and Daniel Wood to purchase two lots at Riverside Memorial Cemetery. The approval is based on the past residency of both Mr. & Mrs. Wood, their families and family members owning lots and buried at Riverside.

(3 yes) (0 no)

Adjournment

Moved by Beverly Brooking and Seconded by Gerald Sherry to adjourn at 10:51 a.m.

(3 yes) (0 no)

Next Meeting

Debra will monitor requests and business that needs to come before the Trustees and will schedule a meeting as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk