



BEDFORD CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Date :November 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Cemetery Trustee meeting called to order by Chairman David C. Bailey at 8:05AM
- b. Present: David C. Bailey, Chairman – Steve Wiggin, Member – Art Alden, Member/Secretary
- c. Guests:
 - i. Julia Schappals – President of the Friends of Bedford Cemeteries
 - ii. Denise Ricciardi - Town Councilor and Council Liaison for the Cemetery Trustees

2. Discussion: Friends of Bedford Cemeteries

President Julia Schappals described the Friends of Town of Bedford Cemeteries, as a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission was to fund preservation and repair of Bedford gravestones with historic or cultural significance and that the organization was in-process of being dissolved. The “Friends” had funds in the amount of approximately \$10,000 that they would like to disburse to the Cemetery Trustees under the following condition: The funds be used only for the preservation and repair of Bedford gravestones with historic or cultural significance.

Chairman Bailey thanked President Schappals and motioned that we agree to the condition, motion seconded by Steve Wiggin. The motion was approved 3-0.

3. Discussion of Cemetery Software

Art Alden summarized his investigation of Cemetery Software available in the marketplace.

He received a demonstration from CemSites, software application that is based on cloud technology which has a framework that is customizable to meet small and large needs including import of existing data. Chairman Bailey suggested that we look at two or three additional alternatives. He also suggested that we set up a meeting with the Town Council Chairman Bill Duschatko.

4. Discussion on 2020 budget

5. Old Business: none

- 6. New Business:** A request was made by a resident that we add a cemetery burial plot on the eastern edge of Hilltop so his son could be interned next to his family’s plot. Chairman stated that this would set an unmanageable precedent and made a motion to deny the request. A vote was held and a vote of 3-0 approved the motion.

- 7. Adjournment** - David Baily motioned that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30AM motion seconded by Steve Wiggin and approved by a 3-0 vote.