September 8, 2016

Cemetery Commission

Petersham Town Office Building

 The meeting opened at 7:00 P.M. with the following present: Glenede Albertine, Deb Bachrach, Barbara Hanno, Ken Levine, Lynn Shaw, and Ann Townsend. The motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held in July passed unanimously. The cover page of for the Cemetery Commission on townofpetersham.org website requires additional updating to reflect new procedures and information. Local funeral homes have been updated by Sherry Berube.

There was no Sexton report. William E. Darby was buried. The burial of Chester Spinney will be in October. A letter from Andrea Goodwin giving one lot in #382 East Street Cemetery to Robin Lansing (daughter of Chester Spinney) has been received. Two lots were purchased by Ellen Anderson. One lot was purchased by Cindy Jenkins for Carol Ouelette.

The financial report indicated that $3000 in the sale of lots account still needs to be transferred to the repairs account.

A letter written by Pam Chevalier and Annie LePoer has been sent to descendants of families in Goddard Cemetery requesting donations for the installation of a railing on the steps. To date, $480 has been donated.

Regarding the roofing of the Hearse House, a contract will be requested for the $2000 expense of rebuilding the understructure of the roof prior to the reroofing with slate covered by insurance. Griff has removed the rubbish from inside the Hearse House for $215.

Barbara has been experimenting with different techniques of using the D2 to clean grave stones. Before cold weather sets in, Barbara will include others in the process of learning to clean stones.

Members will be working on cemetery records at the office on Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. beginning on September 14. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenede Albertine

 Minutes read and approved at the meeting on October 13, 2016