

Village of Skaneateles  
Cemetery Board of Lakeview Cemetery  
Regular Meeting – September 27, 2012

Present: Robert Gray, President  
Patricia Blackler, Commissioner  
Gary Trenti, Commissioner

Patty Couch, Village Clerk/Treasurer  
Roben Shappell, Assistant Village Clerk  
Mary Sennett, Village Trustee  
Dennis Dundon, Clerk to the Boards

President Gray called the meeting to order at 9:00.

**1. Questions from Roben Shappell**

- A. Burt Ritchey wants to install an urn 18 inches tall and 18 inches wide made of concrete and have it installed permanently. Pres. Gray said it can't be there permanently, it must be removed in October. He suggested that Mr. Ritchey be advised that Laxton's will provide that service for him.
- B. Mrs. Bradley has two graves in Section 11A. She wants to install a large monument with smaller side monuments to memorialize all the cremations. Roben advised her that she could install a flat marker 12 by 24 inches at the foot. Pres. Gray said that he would permit markers alongside the monument as long as they are flush with the ground.
- C. At least one caller has left a message at the cemetery line answering machine and complained about no timely call-back. All agreed that those callers should be directed to the Village Hall. Either the message will be changed to direct callers to the correct number or that line will be call-forwarded to the Village Hall.
- D. Pres. Gray informed Ms. Shappell that he directed Norman Shepard to submit notarized letters requesting the transfer of 3 lots in Section 10 from his sisters to himself.

**2. Investments** – Comm. Trenti reported that he and Mike Byrne have had no success in obtaining a return phone call from the Office of the State Comptroller, regarding permission to change investment options to products offering a higher return.

**3. Organ** – Works great, needs no repairs or tuning. This item should be dropped from the agenda.

**4. Upkeep** – Tony LoBello has replaced the bushes in Section 11A as discussed at last month's meeting.

**5. Burrows Family** – Comm. Blackler said that following last month's discussion, she had written Mr. Burrows instructing him that the rebuying of the Kenneth Shepard lots would have

to handled by the parties directly. She provided contact information for Mr. Stewart Sheppard. Until notified of a transfer, the lots in 343 Section 10 will continue to be shown in Mr. Sheppard's name.

**6. Potential Reburial Fee** – Pres. Gray said that with the numbers of cremations rising, sales of new lots have fallen off at many cemeteries, including Lakeview. St. Mary's instituted a similar charge in July of last year, (in line with all of the Catholic cemeteries in the Diocese) in which a new burial in an occupied location is assessed half the cost of that grave plus the grave opening fee. The Commissioners concluded that the Village should consider this policy change. The Village had permitted 3 burials to a grave, historically. A year ago, it was changed to two burials, for new graves being sold. Mr. Dundon will invite Village Attorney Byrne to the Board's next meeting.

**7. Veterans Marker Foundations** – All foundations have been picked up. This item can be dropped from the agenda.

**8. Potential Cemetery Services Clerk** – The commissioners had a general discussion about the need for and benefits of having a new part time position, including elements for a position description. The degree of present computerization of the records is something that Trustee Sennett will review, including potential commercial software packages.

**9. Transactions** –

Section 11A, Lot 287, 4 graves monumented  
Deed 233, Book 8  
Trust Deed 3245

Peter A. & Ruth L. Anderson  
3835 Sadler Road  
Skaneateles, NY 13152

Section 11A, Lot 259, 4 graves non- monumented  
Deed 234, Book 8  
Trust Deed 3246

Holden Fenner  
19 Leitch Avenue  
Skaneateles, NY 13152

Section 11A, Lot 292, 3 graves monumented  
Deed 235, Book 8  
Trust Deed 3247

Nancy Graham  
4033 Highland Avenue  
Skaneateles, NY 13152

**Next Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 18, 2012 at 9:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:59 am.