

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
January 4, 2018

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the town offices. In attendance were Lauren Jarvi, Andy Dussault, Bryan LeBlanc, Chad Whitehead, Stacy Jewell, Nola Forbes, and Sandy Wayne.

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:03 AM.

Nola Forbes provided us with information she had gathered regarding the naming of the cemetery in St J Center, on Breezy Hill Road, adjacent to the First Congregational Church. Her research shows that the name (new) Centervale Cemetery has been used historically in connection with the cemetery further north on Rte 5, just beyond the Green Mountain Mall. The cemetery property on Breezy Hill Road has been sometimes referred to as the Old Church Yard Cemetery or the Old St J Center Cemetery, as it predates the one further north. Discussion followed. It was agreed that further research should be undertaken prior to (re)naming this location.

Andy moved that the minutes for all prior meetings be approved, seconded by Bryan. Andy requested that the reference to his motion at the 12/11/17 meeting be revised to say that we 'consider' rather than 'adopt' the name Centervale Cemetery. Motion passed unanimously following this change.

The warrant was approved and signed.

The discussion turned to lot fees. At our last meeting we adopted a schedule of fees for town cemeteries. Some questions have come up re how the lot sizes are described, and just what services are included in the Burial Fees. We will review and revisit at our next meeting. Lauren suggested we invite a representative from the local funeral home to attend our May meeting to discuss what families need to understand regarding buying/utilizing a lot, and how the town is paid for services.

Stacy had brought to our attention a VOCA grant for gravestone repair, etc. Lauren will continue to look into this, and see what options may exist for service providers, or information on how repairs should be undertaken.

Our next meeting will be on February 1.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 9:18. Seconded by Andy. Unanimously approved.