

Windham Cemetery Trustees

Meeting January 13, 2025

The Cemetery Trustees met at the Senior Center on January 13, 2025 at 3pm. Present were Trustees Wendi Devlin, Frank Farmer, Barbara Coish and Alternate Bruce Moeckel. Also present were Karl Dubay, Civil Engineer and Steve Doherty, Developer representing the proposed Windham Playhouse project.

Wendi Devlin called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether or not the Trustees support a walkway connection from the project to the Cemetery on the Hill.

Karl described that they are in the first steps of planning. The two lots involved will be merged. They had reached out to Peter Griffin and Brad Dinsmore and discovered that they need Cemetery Trustee and Selectmen to proceed with a walkway from the project to the cemetery.

Plans for the project were displayed. It will be a small village. The historic house will be restored and preserved; there will be two units built in the playhouse barn and small cottage type homes located around the rear of the property. The proposed project itself was well received by the Trustees.

Wendi spoke of her concerns about the walkway. She expressed that it could invite vandals, and could become a nuisance. She also stated the concern that the Hill Cemetery is not open or plowed in winter.

All Trustees agreed that there should be no penetration to the Hill, although the Trustees showed support of the project as a whole and found it to be very pleasing.

Barbara Coish moved that The Cemetery Trustees do not support a walkway to the Hill Cemetery for the reasons of possible vandalism and the cemetery being closed in winter months. Second by Frank Farmer. Vote affirmative 3-0. Alternate

Bruce Moeckel was asked how he would have voted if his vote counted. He said he would vote for the motion.

Because the plan was on the agenda that same night Chairman Devlin will draft a letter immediately stating our vote against the walkway. The letter will also mention our support for the project. This letter will be sent by email to Karl Dubay, Steve Doherty and the Selectmen. This action will be able to cancel Karl's appearance this same evening at the Selectmen's meeting as this item is no longer necessary on the agenda.

The Trustees will need to meet again soon as we must go out to bid for custodial services for our cemeteries.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Minutes submitted by

Barbara Coish