

Guilford Cemetery Commission Minutes
9.17.20, 9:30 a.m.
Christ Church Cemetery, Algiers, Guilford, Vermont

Present: Nancy Detra, Carol Schnabel, Eric Morse, Jerry Baker, Verandah Porche

Agenda:

- I. Recognition of Public: Barry Aleshnik, Laura Lewis, Ann Montgomery
- II. Call to Order: 9:30 a.m.
- III. Agenda Additions:
- IV. Changes to order on the Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes

VI. Old Business:

- update on cemeteries:
 - Carol Schnabel and Verandah Porche will meet in October at the Billings Cemetery;
 - the Commission will continue to work in Maplehurst and Elmhurst Cemeteries; Jerry is exploring fastenings to attach the chains to the stones.

VII. New Business

- Official welcome of new members: following the appointment of the Selectboard, Carol and Nancy will stand for election at the 2021 Town Meeting
- Welcome to the trustees and community of Christ Church Cemetery
Barry is the current Trustee and Laura Lewis's husband George was a longtime Trustee of Christ Church Cemetery. Ann Montgomery is a Trustee of Christ Church, a separate nonprofit adjacent to the Cemetery.
- Discussion of needs and sharing resources with the Guilford Cemetery Commission
 - Eric Morse and Laura Lewis offered information about the history of the Cemetery; extensive records about its evolution and upkeep are available
 - Christ Church has an endowment to cover expenses. Due to trustee turnover, they recently hired a bookkeeper.
 - They hired Mark Spiller to straighten and repair broken marble headstones
 - The two Commissions toured the improvements and agreed to collaborate on locating families of those buried at Christ Church, for possible outreach
 - Christ Church has historically sold plots rather than burial rights

- The Commissions compared policies and prices; GCC offered recommendations for Barry to present to the Christ Church Trustees
- Ann Montgomery discussed the needs of Christ Church's building; the Commissions offered suggestions for soliciting member

VIII. Finances

IX. Adjournment- 12:15 p.m.

Next meeting date/time: Thursday, October 15, 2020, 9:30 a.m., at Maplehurst Cemetery