Braintree Cemetery Commission Meeting Notes

April 2, 2025

Attendees: Nancy Burchfield, Karl Jassen, Cal Poulin

Nancy made a motion to call the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. Karl seconded the motion.

The first order of business in 2025 was to elect new officers. Nancy nominated Cal to chair the Commission, Karl seconded the motion which was carried. Karl nominated Nancy for secretary, Cal seconded the motion which was carried.

The minutes for the November 2024 meeting will be approved at the May meeting.

New Business

Dates for Spring cemetery cleanup will be Saturday, April 26 at 8:00 a.m with Saturday, May 3 as the rain date. A call for volunteers is needed to help with the cleanup at Braintree Hill Cemetery. Nancy will look into posting volunteer requests on Facebook and Front Porch Forum. The remaining cemeteries will be handled by the individual Commission members assigned to those cemeteries.

There were recent questions regarding the Lower Branch and East Braintree cemeteries. A member of the Thresher family will be setting 2 new headstones at the former cemetery and a member of the Northrup family contacted the Commission about burying cremains in the family plot in the latter cemetery. Nancy will follow up in both cases to be sure that these activities comply with cemetery rules.

The Cemetery Commission meeting dates for 2025 will, again, be to meet on the first Wednesday of the month from April to November, 7:00 p.m., in the Town offices.

Questions were raised about 1) how, or if, the purchase of cemetery plots show up in the Town budget, 2) whether or not the Cemetery Commission can use/appoint an alternate member of the Commission to attend meetings where only two members can be present, and 3) what is the status of the lot at Mountain View that a couple wishes to sell? Nancy will follow-up on these questions.

Nancy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Karl seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting to be held: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Burchfield