Cemetery Trustees Minutes Approved 12/06/2023

11 October 2023

Trustees Steve Tomasz & Matthew Thomas met at 4:15 pm at the Isaac Brown Cemetery off Route 107 (Main Street) on Wednesday October 11, 2023 as scheduled.

We walked around the ¼ acre Cemetery and discovered it needs cleaning up and mowing. There were several small little oak trees growing up in the cemetery measuring 18 inches to 2 feet high. Fortunately, there were no broken branches lying within the cemetery despite there being numerous trees surrounding the cemetery.

There were several gravestones that need to be re-erected that have fallen down.

There were a couple of graves whose caskets had caved in and left behind sunken-in graves.

Parts of the stonewall surrounding the entire cemetery need to be rebuilt with rocks that have fallen off.

The cemetery at the very least needs to be bush-wacked, mowed, and tidied up. We both recommend that we have the current landscape company that mow the other town cemeteries, to just go in once next spring to clean up the cemetery and take the funds out of our project budget. This cemetery needs a good clean-up and should not be ignored or let go anymore. There are about 30 to 40 graves in this cemetery from what we can tell, with many gravestones & footstones barely showing above the ground. Perhaps we need the landscapers to go into this cemetery once or twice a year to keep it in decent shape and relieve the Carders from this responsibility.

Frankly, it doesn't look like the Carders have actually done very much to keep this cemetery in decent shape despite paying them for this service over several years. Seeing the small trees sprouting up within the cemetery proves it has not been moved this year at least.

We adjourned our meeting at 4:53 pm.

Minutes taken by Matthew E. Thomas Chairman Fremont Cemetery Trustees