

TOWN LANDS COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES  
11/16/17 MEETING

PRESENT: Brad Bull, Tim Bouton, Benj Putnam, Suzy Roorda, Susan Smiley, Don Johnston, Taborri Bruh, Bev Landon

Minutes from the 10/19/17 full committee meeting and the report of the 11//17 Site Visit were adopted.

Discussion commenced with the **Harper Crewe property**. A motion was made to recommended to the selectboard that the property be kept as town property; that the portion of the North South Highway existing as a Class 4 road from Rt. 17 to the Mitchells property be thrown up and a new right of way from Rt 17 to the Harper Crewe property be secured from the Choquettes. This recommendation was made as a motion was made by Bev Landon, seconded by Taborri Bruhl , and adopted.

**West Cemetery.** A motion was made to recommend to the selectboard that the damaged portion of the cemetery fence along Field Days Rd. be repaired using funds from the cemetery's own fund; and that recommendations similar to those adopted by the Committee for Riverside Cemetery be extended to West Cemetery. This recommendation was made a motion by Taborri Bruhn, sseconded by Benj Putnam and adopted.

**Town Green/Memorial Park.** A motion was made to recommend to the selectboard that they take Don Johnston's offer to complete a survey of the property as he has offered. The motion included a recommendation that the town retain these lands and that the selectboard enter into negotiations with the Village Green Market owners to construct a parking area as shown on exhibit "A" including removal of gravel off the NE corner of the new lot and add suitable plantings to prevent encroachment to the north. The town and VGM would be sharing the costs and the use of the lot. Also included was extension of the fence northward to prevent drive off parking and to reline the road to establish 2 lanes with "fog lines" leaving 8-10' of pavement between the green fence and the easterly fog line.

Following these discussions, additional items to be brought to the selectboard's attention include:

- Budgeting \$5,000 per cemetery annually for ongoing upkeep, fence replacement and other expenses.
- Tax map errors to be corrected
- Let the Selectboard know that the committee feels it has completed its tasks with the exception of viewing the swamp lots. That all members would be willing, if requested, to continue for two additional meetings to be held

February and March with the addition of the town gravel pit in Bristol and a mystery parcel located west of town property along River Rd.

Tim will report out to the selectboard at it's next meeting November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn 8:45