

**Cemetery Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 5:30 PM**

Old Cemetery

Minutes

Present: Laurie Wadsworth & Michael Hinsley, Trustees; Bob Metz, community member

Trustees welcomed Bob Metz, who lives near the Old Cemetery, walks in there often and has expressed interest in its care and upkeep. As we walked around the cemetery, Bob pointed out a broken fence on the north border along the woods, and a few broken and toppled stones in Div. 3. Trustees will point out the stones to Jonathan Appel when he comes this summer, and voted to spend up to \$500 on materials to get the fence repaired. Michael will contact Dina and the Town to get that done.

We again noted the invasive species, such as honeysuckle, that are spreading both here and in Highland and will look into hiring experts to taking care of that. Another eyesore is the few old yucca plants that are not natural in this climate, and are growing large and unsightly. The Town will have to post for bids if the expense exceeds (\$5k ?)

Laurie reports that Krista Meyerhoff has again agreed to maintain upkeep of the Memorial Garden in Highland. She will get paid an hourly wage after she's done the paperwork with Dina. Laurie will also ask her if she'd suggest some new plantings as a screen (in Highland) above the Transfer Station, where we had to have some of the tall pines removed. Laurie suggests butterfly-friendly plantings.

We will also consult with landscapers about planning some small trees around in both cemeteries. Pagoda Dogwood is one species that has been suggested for its lovely shape and because they attract birds.

Upon leaving we noticed that the new signs for each entrance (here and at Highland) which we approved in July 2022 are not up. Laurie will check with Dina. We also voted to approve purchase of the Cemify program, using the funds from Mrs. Wise. Laurie will ask Dina to go ahead and order that.

Adjourned 6:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Wadsworth