



Greenwood Cemetery

DRAFT Minutes

WESTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Town Hall Meeting Room

Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 7:30PM

PRESENT: Present: Richard Wolf, Pam Bochinski, Hal Mathews, Stewart Pearl, Benjamin Hume; Margaret Wirtenberg.

The meeting was called to order by Chair. Richard Wolf at @7:38pm. The minutes of December 2, 2009 were approved unanimously (Mathews, Pearl).

Chair. Wolf invited comments from members regarding how they felt the open public meeting had gone and where the next steps would lead. Pam Bochinski suggested modifying the proposal as had been presented at the “open meeting.”

Wolf reported that First Selectman Weinstein had contacted The Nature Conservancy (Steve Patton) inquiring about the possibility of splitting the Lachat Property now jointly owned by Town and N.C. As reported in a Dec. 10, 2009 e-mail to the Chair., and circulated to all members, the First Selectman reported that Patton was not averse to this, but pointed out that the conservation restriction must carry forward. It was agreed, after discussion, that this Cemetery Committee would not pursue Lachat any further.

This leaves three (3) properties for review and discussion with the Committee’s appointing authority, the Board of Selectmen: Jarvis. Moore and Fromson-Strassler.

The form of the table below was created by the immediate past Cemetery Committee and its professional consultant, and had populated it with rankings from 1 to 10 times 5 (number of Committee members) for each site evaluated by the consultant and visited by the Committee.

The present Cemetery Committee used the same form of the table in its final evaluation of the remaining three (3) town-owned properties meeting the present Selectmen-designated criteria as spelled out in the “charge.” Only one “category” did not apply - “acquisition” - because the charge was different (“town-owned” was a requirement of the first phase of this new Committee).

After discussion and determination of how to do the weighting, the Cemetery Committee proceeded to complete the tabular form for Evaluation of the Remaining Sites, which appears below.

| Category | Jarvis | Moore | Fromson Strassler |
|---|------------|------------|-------------------|
| Present adequacy of site | 33 | 50 | 12 |
| Future expandibility | 1 | 50 | 50 |
| Accessibility to major road | 50 | 24 | 42 |
| Visibility from major road | 50 | 22 | 13 |
| Identifiability for directions | 50 | 21 | 40 |
| Compatibility to surroundings | 41 | 32 | 35 |
| Character of property as cemetery | 36 | 50 | 47 |
| Security | 50 | 24 | 11 |
| Topographic suitability | 50 | 50 | 47 |
| Proximity of shared infrastructure | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| *Acquisition cost | NA | NA | NA |
| Development cost | 29 | 40 | 25 |
| Maintenance cost | 43 | 35 | 29 |
| Management costs | 50 | 40 | 37 |
| Visibility to neighbors | 36 | 36 | 44 |
| Environmental (sub-soil) conditions | 46 | 24 | 41 |
| Potential opposition/regulatory problems | 22 | 9 | 23 |
| TOTAL POINTS (max. 10pts x 5 members of Cemetery Committee each factor per site) | 637 | 517 | 503 |

It was decided to try to get on the agenda for the January 21, 2010 Selectmen's meeting to present findings to the Selectmen, the Committee's appointing authority; it was also decided to have the next Cemetery Committee meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 7:30pm in Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned @10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wirtenberg
Acting Sec'y.

1. Approval of the minutes of Dec. 2, 2009
2. Review the site 'matrix' prepared by the previous committee and discuss preparing a new matrix of the three remaining sites under consideration or more current information.
3. Further discussion as is necessary.