



Greenwood Cemetery

## TOWN OF WESTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Commission Room at Town Hall

Minutes of December 2, 2009

Present: Richard Wolf, Pam Bochinski, Hal Mathews, Stewart Pearl, Benjamin Hume; Margaret Wirtenberg; John Conte, Town Engineer; invited members of the public including the Board of Selectmen (Gayle Weinstein, First Selectman, Dan Gilbert and David Muller), two members of the Board of Finance (Mike O'Brien and Bob Atkinson), one member of the Planning and Zoning Commission (Jane Connelly), two members of the Commission on Aging (Lois Miller, Terry Hulley) and another dozen citizens. Former First Selectman Woody Bliss was present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair. Richard Wolf at @7:35pm. Wolf read the charge to this Cemetery Committee

The Committee introduced themselves to the public and explained their interest in the subject and why they volunteered to serve.

Pam Bochinski gave a thorough description of what had transpired over the 18 years since the first Cemetery Committee began work. That first Committee recommended that the Town take over Coley Cemetery.

The second Committee recommended using parts of Bisceglie Park. The third Committee did a business plan for a non-denominational cemetery on the newly acquired Fromson-Strassler parcel. Committee #4, using a professional consultant, did a review of parcels, creating a matrix evaluating their possibilities and recommended properties that were either not available or encumbered.

Richard Wolf then went on to explain how the new Committee had a slightly different charge (for 50 years worth of burials instead of 100 years), so that more Town-owned properties were in play. He described the map. There were 10 or so potential sites located there.

Town Engineer Conte then went through his engineering assessment of the top 4 sites, discussing soils, depth to bedrock and other physical conditions; access was discussed.

The public was recognized at all times if they had questions or comments. Discussion ensued regarding the next steps, with the new Board of Selectmen making some

suggestions about methodology, timing and the parcels themselves. Chair. Wolf thanked everyone for coming.

Minutes of the Nov. 18, 2009 meeting were approved (Wolf, Mathews).

The meeting adjourned after 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Wirtenberg  
Acting Sec'y