

RJC Cemetery Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 10 am—12:15 pm

Present: Mj Hochberg, Carolyn Devlin, Barry Cohen, Brad Hart

Absent:

The meeting began at 10:08 am.

The minutes from the December 12, 2023, meeting was approved with a motion from Barry C, seconded by Brad Hart. The minutes were accepted.

Old Business

Trespassing Issue—Barry C. spoke with the homeowner, and she promised to have the rest of the items removed by the end of the month. About 75% of the cars, tractors, and junk has been removed from the cemetery property; the shed is still on our property. A discussion ensued. If necessary, the committee will monitor this and bring the RJC Board into this problem.

A discussion ensued regarding the ATV'ing, motorcycling, and snowmobiling on the cemetery grounds. No trespassing signs will be posted; Mj H will purchase the signs. Barry C. will purchase a trail camera and place it. We also discussed installing a cable fence in the front main entrance to deter unauthorized access.

Fencing—Barry C. spoke with Bob Almeida with Homestead Fencing. A discussion ensued regarding the fencing needs of the cemetery. Barry C. will speak with Bob Almeida again and work on the front entrance issue as soon as possible.

New Business

Spring Planting Needs—A short discussion regarding the need to improve the front of the new section of the cemetery. It is not attractive as the view of the airport is overwhelming. Carolyn D. will investigate some options for us.

Cemetery Maps—Mark Hoffman dropped off four copies of the final, stamped cemetery survey with plots to the RJC Office. MJ gave out copies to all members of the committee, and the RJC Office has one as well.

By-law changes and Policy and Procedure—A few questions about cemetery policies that arose from the recent letter to the membership were discussed, and a consensus on policy was made. Brad H passed out copies of local cemetery policies to us for review.

The recommended changes that Carolyn D. and Mj H. will be emailed to the committee for review. In the interim, the committee will review the By-laws for the next meeting with the intent to introduce a tangible Policy and Procedure for the Rutland Jewish Cemetery.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm

The next meeting will be **March 19, 2024, @ 10:00 am**

Respectfully Submitted

Mj Hochberg

Rutland Jewish Cemetery Committee Chair