

AGENDA  
Deerfield Cemetery Commission  
Village of Deerfield

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

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7:00 p.m.      **Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road**

Call to Order

Public Comment

Document Approval

1. Minutes of August 23, 2022.

Business

1. Commissioner Resignation
2. Berning Family Bench Request

Items from the Commission

As Introduced

Items from the Staff

As Introduced

Adjournment

1/23/2023

Justin,

This note will follow up on our conversations relating to providing a bench at Deerfield Cemetery. In keeping with our discussion, I have contacted several monument companies including the monument company you suggested, Peter Troost Monument Company.

**Harp Leg Style**

I talked to Joey Cashmore with Troost initially on 9/23/2022 and then on several additional dates to refine the bench format. Joey has prepared a quote for me and is available to you and the Deerfield Cemetery Commission to provide additional information.

I did discuss with her my concern with the harp leg style as being potentially able to be knocked over or a leg give way over time. She said they use a strong adhesive and it is guaranteed for 50 years but she will also explore possible additional fabrication measures. We discussed having the bench made in Blue Pearl, a stone that originates in Norway. My parents picked this same stone for their headstone since it reflected the family roots in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. The base would be concrete with a cap of gray granite or only concrete. I like that the stone can be cleaned, according to one source with a neutral cleaner, stone soap, or a mild liquid dishwashing detergent and warm water.



In talking with Joey we discussed a potential delivery in the October time period pending the Deerfield Cemetery Commission approval to proceed.

The bench pictured here can be seen at <https://www.troost.com/monuments/benches/black-granite-bench-on-granite-foundation-m3001/> The **bench dimensions** as quoted by Troost are "PT56BLUPBENCH-MF: Blue Pearl Bench Seat 4-0 X 1-2 X 0-4 All Polished + Two Supports 1-2 X 0-4 X 1-2 All Polished Harp Shaped" The **base dimensions** are 5'4" x 2' x 4".

The text on the rim of the bench facing the cemetery would read as follows in a combination of smaller and larger text like that shown in the photo with modifications desirable for the blue pearl granite used on my parent's gravestone.

Our Family Wishes † BERNING † You Are Invited To  
You Peace Rest and Reflect



The proposed location of the bench would be facing the cemetery south of the entrance just past the Henry Berning Plot 1 at or near the small triangle area numbered S23 across from S22 on the Plat of Deerfield Cemetery. This would put the bench between the Henry Berning Plot 1 and my father and mother in S45. When we were probing and doing the ERI with Carolyn Streiff some of the equipment was on the spot if that helps you picture the spot. When I am next up in the area if your time permits, we can revisit the area. See <http://www.gisconsortium.org/WebApps/StoryMaps/VDF/DeerfieldCF/images/tabloid.pdf>



Thank you,

Randall and Carol Berning

## Justin Keenan

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**From:** Joey Cashmore <joey.cashmore@troost.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 11:18 AM  
**To:** Justin Keenan  
**Subject:** Thank you - BERNING

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

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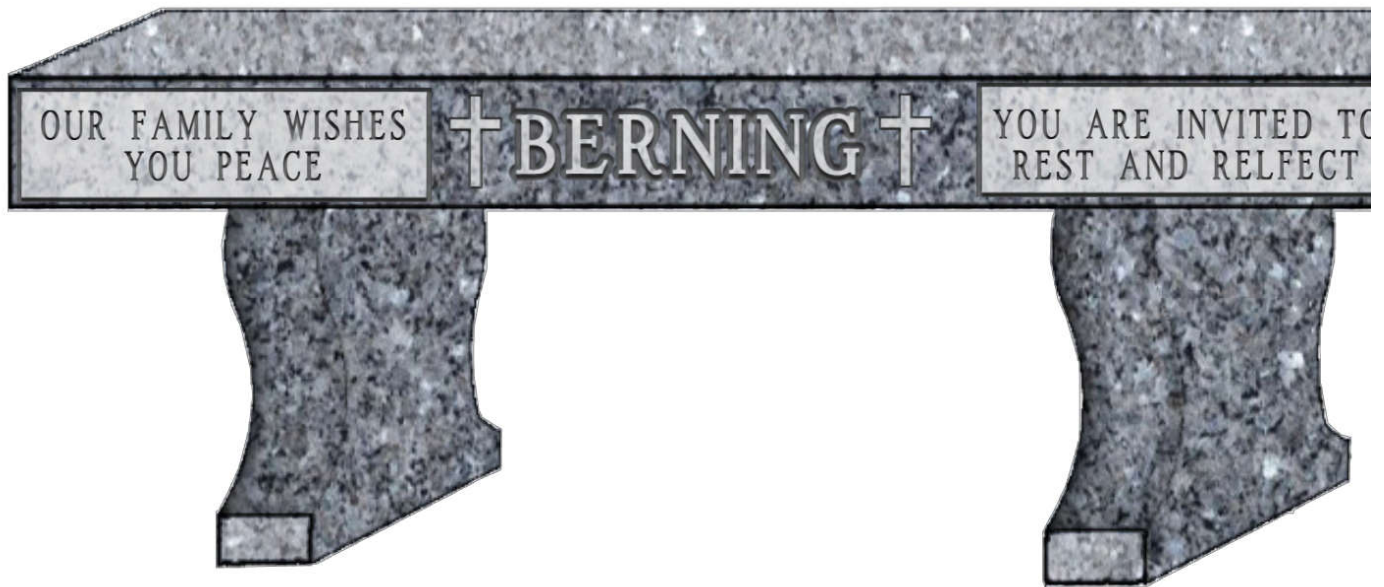
Hello and Happy New Year Justin – I want to thank you for offering my information to the Berning family for their memorial bench.

I have sent the official documents to the family for their review and signature.

But in the meantime, I wanted to submit this design concept to you for the cemetery commission. The only thing my software isn't showing is the granite base that the bench will sit on.

Will we approach the foundation layout similar to how we did the Forest stone? We meet together to find the best layout for things and marked that. Hopefully we can do that over the summer in good weather as the bench won't be ready for install till end of Fall.

Let me know how I can be of the best and most assistance to yourself during this process.



Smart Zoom & Selection

## Mrs. Joey Cashmore - Johnson

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