

Cemetery Commission Meeting, October 11, 2016; 5:30

Present: Dale Milne, George McCusker, Richard Petrin; Cemetery Commissioners & Frank Anderson, Caretaker

5:00 @ Pleasant View. The group noted that the iron pipe fence by the parking area had been hit by a white vehicle and needs repair, since one of the supports is separated from the piping above. This could fill with water & freeze during the winter; Peter Abair is aware of the problem. The large wood sign was examined and, in spite of coats of urethane, has rotted. The stones added to the access roadway in the upper cemetery look secure.

Frank took the commissioners on a tour of the upper section's head stones straightened by Stone Vault, LLC of Newport as part of our ongoing capital improvement project. Frank estimated that 30-35 stones were adjusted over the space of a couple of days.

5:30 @ Town Office business meeting, The group moved to the town office meeting room at 5:20, when the September, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.

Frank reported that, thanks to a day with Cody's help, all of the outlying burial grounds have been maintained in 2016, including Fowlertown, Webster Pass, and Star Lake.

Tamara was not present, but did send Dale the 2016 expenses, as of 10/9:

Attached are the most recent budget numbers I have.

Tamara

CEMETERIES	LINE ITEM	BUDGETED	(SPENT)	REMAINING
1-4195-129	CASUAL LABOR WAGE	1.00		1.00
1-4195-130	WAGES	9,500.	(5,845.23)	3,654.77
1-4195-135	FUEL AND OIL	400.00	(187.13)	212.87
1-4195-136	GRAVEL AND LOAM	500.00		500.00
1-4195-137	MAPS TELEPHONE	1.00		1.00
1-4195-138	LANDSCAPING	1,000.	(425.66)	574.34
1-4195-139	STONE	3,000.00		3,000.00
1-4195-141	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	350.00	(242.66)	107.34
1-4195-142	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1.00		1.00
1-4195-143	NEW EQUIPMENT	500.00		500.00
1-4195-144	STORAGE SHED MATERIALS	1.00		1.00
1-4195-145	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	250	81.69	
Total** CEMETERIES		15,504.00	(6,782.37)	8,552.32

55.16% of budget spent, as of 10/9/16

The next agenda item concerned Joe Kealy, an Eagle Scout candidate who offered to assist the town with cemetery projects as his community service. From following our meeting minutes on the town website, Joe had several ideas for marking modern unmarked graves. Frank noted that Eagle Scout candidates have researched graves of veterans and suggested a "Post 40" bench and table, Vets' markers and Fire Department recognition. Frank gave Joe his cell phone number; they will get in touch and Joe will attend the November meeting with his proposal.

A recent idea of putting one-way signs in the lower section of Pleasant View raised objections and has been tabled for now. The road held up well to traffic this summer.

For the next agenda item, Peter Maurer's proposals and estimate for replacing the main sign, the group unanimously chose the option using the existing granite posts. Peter's sketch shows a white sign with green letters and a gray border for \$395. It will replace the existing carved sign, which is rotting. Dale will contact Peter with the order.

The question of lot #164 came up next. The mother of a deceased child buried in #164 would like written permission from the lot owner for her subsequent children to put her cremation urn into the plot. Frank questioned whether is enough room for another burial, though the sketch in the record book shows space. Frank, the commissioners and one of our select board agree that the issue is for the family to decide among themselves. Dale will contact her with that decision.

The September 20 Stone Vault bill for resetting and repairing stones was reviewed. It reads, "Cemetery restoration Pleasant View Cemetery: \$3,000." The lack of itemization concerned the group, but, since we had seen the work, we decided to present the bill to Janet. If she has concerns, Dale will request an itemized bill from Stone Vault. Meanwhile, Dale will drop the original bill off with Janet.

Using the 2016 budget, with potential needs in mind, the 2017 budget was the last agenda item to be addressed.

The November meeting will include more budget work and Joe's proposal for his community service, with the hope that Tamara will be able to attend and let us know how the digitization is proceeding.

Meeting adjourned: 6:30PM

Respectfully submitted,
Dale T Milne

Next meeting: November 8, 2016 @ 5:30