

October 13, 2015, 5:00 - Cemetery Commission: Meeting Minutes

Present: Dale Milne & Chuck Moore, Trustees; Frank Anderson, Caretaker; George McCusker, Selectboard Representative

The first order of business was to approve the September 8 meeting minutes. Dale found a typo, but the minutes were approved.

The next topic was the sign to be commissioned for posting at the Pleasant View welcome area. Dale received an estimate of \$200 from Peter Maurer, a sign painter in Sunapee, for a 2' x 3' white painted sign with black lettering, trim and a mini roof, provided that we reduce the wording from the recorded "Regulations". Dale brought the following to the group's attention:

Town of Springfield, NH Welcome to Pleasant View Cemetery

- Cemetery hours are daylight; April 30 – November 11.
- Glass jars and breakable containers are strictly prohibited.
- Recreational vehicles are permitted. Please keep all vehicles to designated roadways. Recreational activities and vehicles are not permitted in the cemetery proper.
- Cemetery personnel and the Town of Springfield are not responsible for broken items, nor injuries to visitors.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed.
- Artificial flowers, wreaths and containers will be removed by April 30 and November 1.
- Winter sledding is not permitted on premises.
- Enjoy respectful rest and contemplation.

Thank-you for visiting.

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After a discussion of each point (noting that sledding and alcohol denote recreation, and sledding would be during the closed months), Chuck and Dale settled on the following to be included on the sign:

Reminders for Visitors

- • From April 30 – November 11, the cemetery shall be open during daylight hours.
- • No glass jars or breakable containers are permitted.
- • Please keep all vehicles to designated roadways. Recreational activities and

- vehicles are not permitted in the cemetery proper.
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This partial list of regulations covers the main concerns: the dangers of glass & recreational activity, and the hold harmless reminder, hinting at “limits of municipal liability”. Dale will contact the Maurers to order the sign, which can be hung in April.

The rules discussion touched upon a number of points. Many towns’ Rules and Regulations are long and detailed; some NH towns have over 50 pages of rules, whereas ours cover a single page. The group opted to keep our simplicity, as it is more in keeping with the spirit of Springfield than a long list of prohibitions. Dale will see about getting the full list of current rules posted on the town’s website before the new year.

After a review of the 2015 expenditures, the topic of the 2016 budget was addressed. We still have nearly 25% of the 2015 budget unspent. A new line item, “Uniform Allowance” was added to provide Frank the option to purchase work pants &/or boots up to \$250.

In the status of employees, Frank said Josh Vitigliano is doing a good job in Rick’s absence from the Highway Department. Speaking of Rick, Chuck and Dale wondered if he is still interested in the Cemetery Commission; he has attended only one meeting this year. George offered to find out. If he is not planning to continue, an alternate should be found.

On the status of Pleasant View for Veteran’s Day visitors, Frank reported that it should be cleaned up by then. He hopes to get inmates to remove last year’s leaves, not only at Pleasant View, but at Messer Hill and Davis. The leaves are already cleared out at Rusty Hinges. Frank intends to waterseal the shed. In response to Chuck’s question, Frank would like the selectmen to look at loose iron gates. The rusty barrels have not yet been removed, but the mower is put away for the winter.

In other business, George urged Dale to put photos, data about Frank or other items onto the website, which was an investment for the town.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting will be in April, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale T. Milne

ADDENDUM:

NOT to be posted (in this form)

WORKING BUDGET 2016 Expenditures Current as of Dec 30, 2016 Budgeted Requests as of Dec 30, 2016

0.0%	11.49%	2015	2015	2015	12/31/15
Account Name	Budget		Expenditures	Balance	
CEMETERIES					
1-4195-130	CEM CEMETERY	9,500.00	8,794.50	5.50	
	WAGES				
1-4195-135	CEM FUEL AND OIL	400.00	331.25	268.75	
1-4195-136	CEM GRAVEL AND LOAM	500.00	0.00	500.00	
1-4195-137	CEM MAPS TELEPHONE	1.00	0.00	1.00	
1-4195-138	CEM LANDSCAPING	1,000.00	1,409.99	590.01	
1-4195-139	CEM STONE	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
1-4195-141	CEM EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	350.00	88.32	261.68	
1-4195-142	CEM EQUIPMENT RENTAL	1.00	0.00	1.00	
1-4195-143	CEM NEW EQUIPMENT (Uniforms: 250	500.00	197.20	302.80	
Total CEMETERIES	15,752.00		13,821.26	1,930.74	

AGENDA

Cemetery Commission April 5, 2016 Meeting – 5:00

1. Welcome to Richard, George & Tamara
2. Review the meeting minutes from October, 2015
3. Frank's status report & plans
 - a. Messer Hill clean-up
 - b. Webster Pass
 - c. Pleasant View
 - d. Inmates day
 - e. Highway Department helper
 - f. Clothing and safety equipment allotment
4. Review Budget starting out
5. New person to sell lots – Purchase form
6. View sign commissioned last year and make plans to hang it @ Pleasant View
7. Memorial Day plans, so far
8. NH Cemeteries Question re: ledgy lots (Frank)
9. Other Business