

Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 8 2024

Called to order 6:03

Present: Leo Dickenson, Kathy Jablonski, Larry Sawyer, Lynne Warren

Sexton: Peter Carbonneau

Sawyer moved to accept, Warren seconded the minutes of the June meeting.

Sexton's Report

1. Peter reported the stone cleaning has \$3500.00 set aside. He has been here one day. He is charging

2. We have a washout at the lower road of the Sunnyside Cemetery.

Discussion:

The road will keep washing out if we put gravel into it

Sawyer moving to put a warrant article in the 2025 budget for \$10,000.00 for paving for the lower section of road of Sunnyside Cemetery. Dickinson seconded.

The selectboard has requested two or more estimates for the work. Central Paving and Blacktop paving will be contacted. (Kathy's note: Can we try and coordinate with a town road paving project?)

Passed unanimously.

3. Discussion followed on what repairs/work will be finished this summer.

Electrification of the Hearse Building

Peter presented the estimates from the two contractors as requested by the Trustees per the Selectboard.

Discussion followed:

No real need for an outside outlet.

Have one of the outlets by the door.

A bid was accepted and Peter will contact the contractor to begin the work.

Sawyer moved to accept the bid for electrification of the Hearse Building from Dan Hinds for \$2500.00 per the bid process. Dickenson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Stone cleaning- Peter will ask Luke Harvey to see where he is at monetarily speaking for the work already performed. Peter has been authorized to spend \$3500.00.

Larry discussed what is being used for cleaning and the look of antique granite stones including the damage to stones by certain chemicals.

Warren suggested we think about what is feasible and what is the middle ground.

Consensus is to have Mr. Harvey clean just the granite stones in the Sunnyside Cemetery. We will see how it goes and decide on cleaning the rest of the stones.

Larry's product did not work well on removing the lichen on the granite. The product worked on the marble stones. The slate stones are not being cleaned at this point.

Solar lights will be removed and placed in the hearse shed. After a certain date.

Use social media, newsletters, etc. removed by this date. Available til Oct 30 or disposed.

Peter's report:

3 persons to buy a plot and do they meet the regulations.

a. Carole, daughter of Brad Whipple person may buy a lot because she owns property in town.

b. Heidi Thoma Bergeron lives in Bethlehem.

Jablonski moved to allow Heidi Thoma Bergeron to purchase one plot for herself and her immediate family members as he is a resident.

c. Gary Young may buy an additional plot as he is a resident.

Peter shared concerns about a plot that may be unsuitable for an easy casket burial. He wants to discuss it with David Presby, the owner of the three plots, regarding his mother's request for a full burial.

Peter is getting pressure from Jennifer that he needs help. More properties have been added to the job description as time has progressed. He wanted to give us a heads up that an assistant for him is up for discussion. The individual would be hired to help with summer for mowing.

Peter will work grounds April to November.

Meeting adjourned. 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Jablonski, Chair, Cemetery Trustees