

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

MINUTES

February 17, 2022

APPROVED: 11/17/22

ATTENDING: Richard LaFlamme (Chair), Cheryl Cizewski, Cade Overton

ABSENT: None

OTHER: None

Mr. Laflamme called the meeting to order at 10:26am with a quorum.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2021

The Trustees reviewed the minutes and amended the date from November to December. C. Cizewski made a MOTION, second by C. Overton, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2021, as amended. The motion CARRIED 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

2021 Budget Update

Mr. Laflamme stated he purchased two (2) D2 quart bottles along with scrapers from the 2021 Budget. He is working with Mr. Bucklin to establish a place to store the materials at Highway Department.

Cemetery Cleaning and Maintenance

Mr. Laflamme discussed purchasing rakes and leaf bags for cemetery cleaning. Ms. Cizewski asked if the rakes could be donated rather than purchased. Mr. Laflamme stated he would check with LaValley or Walmart.

Mr. Laflamme stated that Keyser, Sleeper, and Worthen had stones that either needed to be erected or corrected. Ms. Cizewski discussed a Historic Cemeteries Conference she attended by Zoom that talked about how stones are repaired. There are supports that can be detrimental to a stone because the water tends to get into the area between the support and the stone. They did not recommend wood to help support stones when repairing because of the expansion and contraction of the wood.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Budget

Mr. Laflamme stated the 2022 Budget request was approved. The Budget Committee had requested a breakdown of costs, which Mr. Laflamme provided. Ms. Cizewski attended the budget hearing. There was one question about the budget increase for cleaning and fixing stones.

Volunteers

Mr. Laflamme and the Trustees discussed the careful use of the term "historical" as the cemeteries are not categorized as such by the State. They also discussed the suggestive language of volunteering to assist under the rules and regulations document that is being reviewed by Mr.

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Coates, Town Administrator. R. Laflamme made a MOTION, second by C. Cizewski, to approve the Rules and Regulations document as amended. The motion CARRIED 3-0.

Volunteers continued

Mr. Laflamme informed the Trustees that there will be a meeting before May to discuss the volunteer cemetery cleaning and to choose a cemetery with bathroom facilities near for the volunteers to use. Mr. Overton thought Sleeper would be best. Mr. Laflamme stated that an article could be written, and Mr. Overton could take photos to post in the Newfound Landing and the Bristol Buzz. Cemetery cleaning will occur in May and September.

Brochures

Mr. Laflamme discussed details of putting together a brochure, listing all six (6) cemeteries with the help of Ms. Goodwin. Ms. Cizewski offered her assistance as well.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2022. Discussion followed to change the meeting to May 12. Mr. Overton reminded the Trustees that he will be out of town for the August meeting.

With no other business before the Trustees, C. Cizewski made a MOTION, second by C. Overton to adjourn at 11:43am. The motion CARRIED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Wharton
Minute Admin