

WILLIAMSTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

June 25, 2020

Minutes

Present: John Perkins, Susan Lyons, Matt Couillard, Daphne Herwig , Orvil Lasell, Joe Mangan

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Meeting held at the Gazebo by the Veteran's Memorial Park

Minutes: Minutes from May 28, 2020 were reviewed. Motion made by Orvil L to accept - 2nd by Daphne H. Minutes were approved.

Budget Status Report: Budget Status Report for 06-22-2020 presented.

Warrants: Kirkyard Services, LLC for June Contract = \$3,687.50; \$250.00 B. Bailey burial; \$425.00 stone repairs in Village Cem. & West Hill Cem. Total Paid out = \$4,362.50.

Income: \$700.00 Full Burial/Cameron Campbell &

New Business:

John P. I authorized Dirty Rock to clean an additional 80 stones in Village and Joe to clean an additional 80 in East Hill. So there's approximately another \$1600.00 going out.

Jeremy Haggett from VT Tree Service is not going to be able to do the job in Village Cemetery, but I contacted "Tree Works" out of Montpelier and met with them and he has given me two different quotes because he thinks that he can "cable" the Maple tree and save it. The Locust trees are starting to get leaves on them and he doesn't feel that these need to be removed at this time. First price to take down the Maple tree is \$3,900 and the 2nd price to cable it is \$1,800. He gave us a time frame of before Sept 1st. What does everyone think?

Discussion followed.

Susan L. I'll make the Motion to accept the Bid to cable the Maple Tree. Matt C. 2nd All approved.

I'll get in touch with them and tell them which Bid we accepted and send them the paperwork that needs to be completed.

Jackie Higgins, our Town Mgr. and Jennifer, our Town Treasurer, will also need a letter for the up-coming expenses that should come out of our current budget.

Orvil L. What about the broken branch in Village Cem.? Don't want to leave this until Sept.

John P. I think that with help we can do this ourselves.

There is also an issue with the bottom road in the Village Cemetery and I have asked Joe to bring in some material and fix this so vehicles won't get hung up. We have some stumps that need grinding down. I got a quote from Tree Works on this, they charge \$275/hour and we would have to clean up the mess. It takes approximately 15 min/stump. There's quite a few in the East Hill Cemetery.

Daphne H. What about checking with Stephen Ford in Williamstown. His company is "Stumps Be Gone".

John P. I can check with him. There are about 10 or more in East Hill.

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Joe M. Would we have to replace the topsoil after?

John P. Yes – if we go with Tree Works, but we have the material to do this.

Susan L. Asked John what price Dirty Rock was charging us for the cleaning of stones.

John P. The same as last year. (\$375.00/40)

Orvil L. I thought that we were going to give Joe some to do in Village?

Susan L. Discussed the wording on the Grave Opening Authorization form. If the Funeral Home is handling the funeral they need to sign where it is noted and if the family is handling the burial w/o the funeral home being involved they will need to sign where noted. All O.K'd the updates.

There is a slant that fell off the base in the Village Cemetery that needs to be re-set. Also another stone that needs to be stabilized.

Joe M. Couldn't find the stone that was loose – please mark it and the one that fell off the base. Price to fix the base \$600 and \$75.00 to re-attach.

John P. Joe – can we get your report.

Joe M. Not much to report – been mowing and doing some re-seeding in Village. It's been very dry.

John P. Dirty Rock will be starting from the Bass stone to Circle Street and then from Carlson to Martin. (?)

Old Business:

John P. Any other business? None - -

Daphne H. I'll make the motion to adjourn this meeting - - 2nd by Susan L.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: July 23, 2020
