

# WILLIAMSTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

April 22, 2021 \* \* Minutes - Draft

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

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Office.

**Minutes:** Minutes from Oct. 224, 2020 were reviewed. Motion made by Daphne H. to accept as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt C. Minutes were approved.  
Minutes from the April 6, 2021 Special Meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Matt C to accept as written – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Daphne H. All approved.

**Budget Status Report:** Budget Status Report for 4/20/2021 was presented.

**Warrants:** Total Paid out = \$5,063.50. Kirkyard Services LLC for April Contract at \$3,687.50; and \$\$1,376.00 to GIV for (8) replacement stones in East Hill Cemetery.

**Income:** \$510.00 for Lot Sale in East Hill Crematory Garden (Ashline)

## New Business:

Matt C. Question on Strassberger cutting the trees on our property. Does he have to have insurance?

Orvil L. He has a crew doing the cutting for him. They should have their own insurance.

Susan L. We will need to get a copy of their Liability Insurance.

John P. For clarification purposes on the Special April 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting, I'm going to re-read the Motion again. "A Motion was made by Daphne and seconded by Matt to allow Karl Strassberger to clear cut the woods to the rear of the cemetery about one hundred feet from our existing grass area. All material cut will be removed and chipped in field behind our property." "This Motion was passed." (Reference to the West Hill Cemetery)

John P. I believe that there was a meeting on April 20th with Mr. Strassberger and the State. I can get in touch with his son Kurt as they are still in FL.  
Looking at the Budget Report – everything looks good here.  
Joe – have you walked the cemeteries and how do they look? I noticed that there is a marble stone down in East Hill that looks like it just needs a pad/base. Would you check this out and let us know what you think.

Joe M. Most of them look good – there are a few stones in West Hill to take care of.

Orvil L. At the last Trustee of Public Funds meeting Gary Storrs mentioned that he didn't think that they had received any money from the Cemetery Lot Sales. The Virtus and Wells Fargo accounts look good.

Susan L. Yes, I received a message from Orvil regarding this and I was able to check with Jennifer and she checked on this and found that a check (#23149) in the amount of \$500.00 was sent on July 23, 2020. This was for the fiscal Year – 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020. We will do this again at the July 2021 meeting to make sure we include all the income through June for Cemetery Lot Sales. An invoice must be presented by us and a warrant done.

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Joe M. We have a couple of burials coming up. One for "Safford" on May 20? and one for "Duff". Question on the Grave authorization form. Who needs to complete this?

Daphne H. I thought that we had changed the language on that and voted on it. Discussion followed - - It needs to be signed by the Funeral Home and the family or authorized agent.

Susan L. I will look back in the minutes for confirmation. I had an interesting phone call from a landowner on the Tower Road. They were expanding their garden and found a headstone for a John H. Brown with the dates 1900-1957 and wanted to know what they could do with it. I checked our town records and also called Barre Town to see if they had a deceased with that name and neither of us did. I also looked back in the land records and again found no mention of this person. The Rock of Ages Co. did at one time own this property.

Orvil L. Was there any mention of a building on the property when Rock of Ages had it? It could just be an extra stone that got left there. Discussion followed - - decided to let the landowner know that they could remove the stone. However, if they decide to dig up the ground then there are State Regulations.

Susan L. I will call and let them know.

Daphne H. What about the stone on the Day's property that the school found? Discussion followed - - The person that this stone was for also has a stone in the family lot in the Village Cemetery. If the family wants it – they can have it.

Susan L. Cremation Lot sold in East Hill - -Paid in full so will need the four corner markers installed. Gave Joe the information. (Re: ASHLINE) Also have a draft of a monument for the Village Cemetery to approve for Leonard & Wanda Thompson. Board approved. This stone will need a base.

**Old Business:**

John P. The flags for the cemeteries - - we have 40 that we can re-use and I ordered 250 more. The price went up by .25 each. Bigger flag with the smaller shaft.

Susan L. The replacement stones for the East Hill Cemetery are ready for pick up. Check is made – ok'd to mail.

Daphne H. We should set a date for setting the flags before Memorial Day weekend. Decision was made for the date: Saturday, May15th, 9 a.m., meet in Village Cemetery.

Susan L. I'll make the Motion to adjourn this meeting - - 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt C.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: May 27, 2021

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