

WILLIAMSTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

June 22, 2023 * * Minutes - Draft

Present: Matt Couillard CH, Susan Lyons, Daphne Herwig, Orvil Lasell

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. at the Town Office.

Minutes: Minutes from May 25, 2023 were reviewed. Motion made by Orvil L. to accept as written, 2nd by Daphne H. All approved and Motion passed.

Budget Status Report: Budget Status Report dated 06/21/2023 was presented.

Warrants: Kirkyard Services /June Contract - \$4,250.00; Kirkyard Services/Fortier Burial \$350.00 – Total Paid out = \$4,600.00

Income: Six burials: A. Fortier; L. Murray, C. Miller; S. Miller; G. Murphy, M. Winters (\$3,000.00)

New Business:

Matt C. The Budget Status report shows a balance of \$12,554.90, so that still looks ok.

Orvil L. Reminder that Cemetery Lot Sales goes to the Trustee of Public Funds.

Susan L. Yes - - that goes from June 30 to July 1st and I'll have a Warrant ready for the July meeting.

I received a quote from Joe on fixing some stones in the Village Cemetery. One price was for putting foundations in or just straightening stones. To just straighten them he quoted us \$2200 and to put foundations in the quote was for \$3800.

Orvil L. On the West stone, this would be the 2nd time we just straightened it. It really needs a foundation to do it right.

Matt C. Do we have a Motion to have Joe put in a foundation?

Daphne H. I'll make the Motion to do it right and put a foundation under the West stone. 2nd by Orvil L - - Motion approved and passed.

Susan L. So looking at the Carr stone – it's in a difficult place to even try and put a foundation in. So the suggestion would be to straighten this one. I'll make the Motion to have the Carr stone straightened only. 2nd by Daphne H. Motion approved and passed.
(Note - - discussion was if Joe comes in somewhere between his two quotes – tell him to go ahead and take care of this.) Also two small stones to be pushed back on their base.

Daphne H. Regarding the woodchuck problem. I spoke with Bruce Baroffio and he spoke about using body traps which require regular checking and he is unable to do this. He did give me Mike Covey's name and I have tried calling him several times but have had no response.

Orvil L. Do you know Pete Flood? He might be able to help us out. I will talk to his brother.

Matt C. Question on insurance? Are we covered through the Town if we do small projects in the cemeteries? There are some branches in the cemeteries that need to be taken care of.

Orvil L. I believe that we are covered through the Town.

Susan L. I can check with Jackie and let you know.

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Matt C. There is a corner post in the Village, the lower driveway that needs to be put back in the ground. Also - - in West Hill there is a trash barrel that needs to be emptied. Who takes care of this? Can we bring it to the town? Another issue - - one of the granite posts in the Village Cem. off Circle Street is tipping. Maybe we could look at this to see if it can be straightened.

Susan L. I can check with Jackie about the trash.

Orvil L. Has anyone talked to John Pelkey about getting a quote for sandblasting in the West Hill Cem?

Susan L. Not yet. I'll make a note to do this.

Another item to discuss. James MacAskill's Private Home Burial plot on his property on Erskine Road. I have sent him information and he responded that they do not have a date set yet. I'll try and reach out to him again to see when we can set something up.

Other/Old Business:

Discussion followed on whether we should advertise for Bids on Cemetery work? It's been over 5 years and the thought was that although we have been happy with Joe's work, we should probably do this every 5 years.
Decision was also made to count the remainder of stones in the West Hill Cemetery to still be cleaned and ask Joe to do the rest of them. We have the money available in the budget.

Matt C. Anything else? No - -.

Susan L. I'll make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Daphne H. All approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: July 27, 2023
