

WILLIAMSTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

July 27, 2023 * * Minutes - Draft

Present: Matt Couillard CH, Susan Lyons, Daphne Herwig, Orvil Lasell, Joe & Kaira Mangan

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

Minutes: Minutes from June 22, 2023 were reviewed. Motion made by Daphne H to accept as written, 2nd by Orvil L. All approved and Motion passed.

Budget Status Report: Budget Status Reports presented for the Previous Year and the Current Year - dated July 24, 2023.

Warrants: Kirkyard Services/July Contract - \$4,250.00; Kirkyard Services - (4) burials: L. Murray \$250.00; C. Miller \$250.00; G. Murphy \$650.00; S. Miller \$650.00. Burials totaled \$1,800.00. Kirkyard Services – (3) sets Corner Posts installed: Shangraw; Bottiggi & Pecor - \$240.00. Dirty Rock Stone Cleaners – \$ 1,402.50 (150 stones cleaned in Village Cemetery)
Total Warrants Paid out = \$7,692.50

Income: Two burials: K. Rouleau & C. Peake (\$800.00) Two Lot Sales: Avery & Helman (\$1,500.00)
Total Income rec'd = \$2,300.00

New Business:

Matt C. The Budget Status report for the Previous Year shows a balance of \$9,196.07 so we will have the funds to do the repair work in the Village and the cleaning of the rest of the stones in West Hill Cemetery.

Susan L. The quotes from Joe for the work in the Village won't go over the \$3,800 and there are approximately 308 stones left to clean in the old section of West Hill.
Asked Joe what his charge was per stone in West Hill.

Joe M. The same as last year - \$10.00 per stone. I will try to work on this closer to Fall.

Susan L. I will write up a letter for the Town and give them the figures for money to be paid out of our Previous Year's budget. "Work to be done as time permits and not later than October".

Matt C. I was up in the West Hill Cemetery recently and saw someone in there with a metal detector. He said that he was careful when he dug things up and put the sod back down. I asked him not to do that again in our cemeteries.
Any damage in the cemeteries to report?

Joe M. The flagpole road in the Village and the lower road off Rte.14 need material.

Susan L. In West Hill there is a tree limb that is against one of the stones. I think that my husband and I can take care of this.
Also the corner post needs to be replaced and the metal sign stood back up. I'll check on the 4x4 post pressure treated.
There was also a question at the last meeting about the trash in the West Hill Cemetery – it can be brought to the Town Office and put in the trash container outside the building.
Also – we are covered by the Town Insurance for any work we do in the cemeteries.

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- Orvil L. Asked Daphne what she had heard from Mike Covey regarding the woodchuck problem in the Village Cemetery.
- Daphne H. He called me back finally. Said he might be able to do it and I told him to check with Orvil.
- Orvil L. I spoke to Peter Flood - - handed out two of his cards. He charges \$30.00 to set traps and \$65.00 each animal caught and uses Have-a-heart traps. He does have insurance also. He will be going out of town for 1 ½ weeks.
- Susan L. I'll make the Motion to hire him to take care of the woodchucks in the Village Cemetery. 2nd by Daphne H. Motion passed.
I'll get in touch with him for the paperwork.

Other/Old Business:

- Susan L. Regarding the mobile sandblast job in the West Hill Cemetery. Unfortunately, Steve Davoll passed away in the flood. I have contacted three other companies to get a price quote but haven't heard back from them at this time.
The Christmas wreath is still on the monument in the Village.
- Joe M. I'll take care of it.
- Orvil L. Some of the grass markers have sunken in and need to be fixed, grass cut around them or raised up in some cases. Richard Wright in the Village needs to be raised, W. Range 3, Lot 8. Maybe this could be something that we could start taking care of next year.
- Susan L. Julie Henderson's complaint about the leaves piling up by the stone walls.
Joe M. What would we like to have done for this?
Discussion - - it doesn't look good. Couple of thoughts - - in the Fall when the leaves are dry, Joe could mulch them. We could also have a work session and rake them.
- Susan L. Extra lot in the Village for Elaine Owen. Discussed with Joe and noted the extra lot for sale.
Joe M. She has a bench already made up.
Susan L. We never approved any design? It will need a base, right?
Joe M. Yes and I have Matt Henderson doing this for me.
Susan L. He still has two papers to sign and return. Work Orders need to be completed for any work done in any of our cemeteries. Nothing received from him on the job in East Hill either. The Release and Hold Harmless Agreement has also not been returned.
- Joe M. I'll talk to him about these.
- 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: August 24, 2023
