

WILLIAMSTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

May 2, 2024 * * Minutes - Draft

Present: Matt Couillard CH, Susan Lyons, Daphne Herwig, Orvil Lasell , Matt Walker, Joe Mangan
Guest:

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

Minutes: Minutes from March 28, 2024 were reviewed. Motion made by Daphne H to accept as written, 2nd by Susan L. All approved and Motion passed.

Budget Status Report: Budget Status Report dated April 29, 2024 presented.

Warrants: Montpelier Stove & Flag Works- \$262.50 (150 flags for cemetery); Kirkyard Services LLC – April Mowing contract - \$5,125.00. Total paid out = \$5,387.50

Income: Jangraw Burial (\$500.00)

New Business:

Matt C. Looking at the Budget Status Report – any comments?

Susan L. The monies from the Jangraw burial were included in the above report. The Carrier stone design will need to be approved. Matt W. presented the copy for everyone to look at. The design was approved by the Board and Matt W. will let Tim Carrier know. Discussion on the size and placement on the lot - - Rules say only one central above ground memorial is permitted. (Section IX/#2) The Rules also note that the Cemetery Commission may allow minor exceptions to the strict interpretations of any of these rules. (Section II/#9) The Board will need to look at the lot to see if there is room for this monument as there are currently 10 burials here. Will take a quick look after this meeting.

Joe M. I have two burials scheduled for June 1st. the Jangraw burial in Village and the Walbridge burial in East Hill.

Susan L. I haven't received confirmation on the Walbridge burial to date as the family wanted to go into the cemetery to determine the placement of the remains and needed to wait until the cemetery was opened for the season. I'll get in touch with the family to see what their thoughts are regarding this. They also talked about a grass marker maybe but haven't received any design on that yet either.

Orvil L. Need to appoint officers. Are there any nominations for Chair?

Susan L. I'll make the Motion to nominate Matt Couillard as Chair.
2nd by Daphne H. All approved and Motion passed.

Susan L. I would like to make the Motion to nominate Orvil Lasell as Vice Chair.
2nd by Daphne H. All approved and Motion passed.

Matt C. I will make the Motion to nominate Susan L. for Secretary.
2nd by Daphne H. All approved and Motion passed.

Matt C. Joe can we get your report on the cemeteries.

- Joe M. Joe M. Village Cemetery - - the fence by the top road needs to be repaired and the fence off Circle Street by the Murphy's property was damaged by a tree branch that fell on it. Some cemeteries are doing away with board fencing and replacing it with plastic chain fencing. Discussion by the board - - There is a state law requiring fencing around cemeteries. Not sure how well they enforce it. The granite posts that are there can be used to attach chain fencing.
- Joe M. We opened the cemeteries sometime last week and cleaned up brush in the cemeteries. What do you want to do about East Hill. Do we want to charge the lot owner?
- Matt C. East Hill will need to be repaired - - use the material that is left over from the West Hill Cem. road job. No charge to the lot owner.
- Joe M. Okay – I will take care of it. We will mow in the Village Cemetery and probably do the field in West Hill also.
- Orvil L. It would be good to check the woodchuck situation also to see how successful the trapping was.
Also - - we have funds available (not in the regular budget) that we might be able to use for fixing the fence.
- Susan L. I know which ones you are talking about and I'll research it for the next meeting.
- Joe M. The lower driveway in the Village Cemetery could use some material – staymat would be good. Also some needed on the bad corner where it washes out.
There are a couple of stones in East Hill that are broken and will need to be replaced.
- Matt C. We have used Logan Clark in the past and there is also Bobby Molinaro that might be able to help with trucking and material. Will check prices.
- Daphne H. Looking at the dates to put the flags in the cemetery. May 18th is the Town parade. Discussion followed and decided on Saturday - May 11th at 9:00 am in the Village Cemetery. Daphne volunteered to do West Hill Cemetery. Susan will do East Hill Cemetery. (I'm out of town that weekend.)
- Susan L. The Collins family wants to do a grass marker for their sister and I'm waiting for a copy of the design. This is for a burial in the Village Cem.

Other/Old Business:

- Matt C. Anything else? No - -.
- Orvil L. I'll make the Motion to adjourn – 2nd by Daphne H. All approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: May 23, 2024

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