

# WILLIAMSTOWN CEMETERY COMMISSION

August 22, 2024 \* \* Minutes - Draft

**Present:** Matt Couillard CH, Susan Lyons, Orvil Lasell , Joe & Kaira Mangan  
**Guest:**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:08 P.M. at the Town Office.

**Minutes:** Minutes from July 25, 2024 were reviewed. Motion made by Orvil L to accept as written, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan L. All approved and Motion passed.

**Budget Status Report:** Budget Status Report dated August 19, 2024 was presented.

**Warrants:** Kirkyard Services LLC – Aug. Mowing contract - \$5,125.00; Kirkyard Services LLC- Inv. #2038 - \$350.00 (1 Burial/Pecor) Total paid out = \$5,475.00

**Income:** None

## New Business:

Matt C. Looking over the Budget Status Report - - looks o.k. We have 3 more months this year to pay on Joe's contract and 3 months next year thru the end of June. We will also need to start working on our Proposed Budget for next year. It's usually due in October.

Matt C. Joe's Report on the cemeteries.

Joe M. Concerning the Burrell stones in the Village Cemetery - - I still need to get in touch with him. I haven't been able to reach him by phone so will try and stop in to see him. I also haven't repaired the two stones in East Hill yet, it's been too wet for them to set properly.

Matt C. Orvil and I removed the broken tree limb by Jeannine Murphy's property. We didn't remove the broken fencing.

Orvil L. While we were there we took a walk over by the shed. The stone in the back corner by the shed appears to have water running under it – no foundation under it. This will need to be looked at so the stone doesn't fall over the bank.

Joe M. I will look at it.

Orvil L. Maybe pick it up somehow and put some stone under it

Joe M. Do you want me to take care of it?  
Discussion followed and the Board's decision was yes, it needs to be taken care of.

Orvil L. It's a good size stone, will you need help with this?

Joe M. I can talk to Dennis Beaudin to see if he could help me with it - - or I can try and use a tripod.

Matt C. I spoke with Bobby Molinario (REM) to see if he could give us a price on material for the lower road in the Village Cemetery. He's pretty busy but said he would look at it and get back to me.

- Susan L. I checked with Dirty Rock to get their current price on cleaning stones. They did go up a little from last year due to their cost increases on chemicals – so their price is 9.50 per stone.
- Orvil L. If we decide to do any more cleaning I think it would be better to wait until later. While Matt and I were looking things over after taking care of the tree limb we wanted to ask you Joe if you actually use the shed that’s in the corner?
- Joe M. No, not really. It’s in pretty bad shape.  
Discussion followed - - Do we remove it or replace it? No decision made.
- Orvil L. We were also looking at a couple of Black Locust trees over by the shed area that should be removed.  
Discussion followed. Will need to check prices. Some company names to check with - - Snappy Turtle out of Randolph, Montpelier Tree Works, Catamount Tree Service.
- Susan L. I will see about getting some quotes.  
At our last meeting a question was brought up regarding an Ethics Policy. The one in question was never passed, however, I do have the Town’s “Conflict of Interest Policy” to share with the Board.
- Joe M. I understand that you prefer not to use granite that comes from China in your cemeteries. I have 2 sets ready to pick up – one for Lamberton’s and one for Robinson. Will use Joe’s Custom for any future corner posts.
- Orvil L. What is the woodchuck situation in Village?
- Joe M. Still plenty out there.  
Discussion - - Will talk to Peter Flood next year.

**Other/Old Business:**

- Susan L. Joe’s Custom let me know that Mr. Covell’s marker is ready to be picked up. Orvil said that he would pick it up. I’ll let Debbie know that.
- Matt C. Anything else? No - -.
- Orvil L. I’ll make the Motion to adjourn – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan L. All approved.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 26, 2024

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