

Cemetery Committee minutes for November 18, 2020, meeting via ZOOM.

Present: Andrews Tolman, chair; Grace Keene, Brenda Lake, Deb Doten, Marianne Perry, Pam Osborn, Ben Rodriguez, Sexton. Absent: Warren Norris, Sandra Rourke

The meeting started at 1:07 p.m. and was conducted via Zoom due to distancing requirements by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Minutes for the previous meeting on September 16 were accepted; moved by Brenda Lake, seconded by Grace Keene, passed. No meeting was held in October.

Sexton's Report: This morning Ben posted to us his extensive sexton's report. Please attach that document to our final minutes for today's meeting. Some highlights were discussed:

No more interments are anticipated for this year.

Fall cleanup leaves us in good shape for winter although some tree limbs fell during the recent storm.

Most were weatherbeaten but Ben collected for use next year any useable veteran's flags. We have ca. 144, he recommends we purchase another three gross (144 x 3).

We also need more bronze marker/flag holders with metal poles. In subsequent posts Grace and Brenda each recommend markers manufactured in the USA.

We plan to again display holiday wreaths at the entrance to our seven cemeteries. Ben has saved some reusable bows. We plan to purchase eleven wreaths from Longfellow's as we did in 2019 for a cost of \$220.

Ben again mentioned hopes for assistance in choosing software for cemetery records/maps. Winter is a good time to work on this.

A request for proposal was not yet written for needed tree work in Readfield Corner, East Readfield, Huntoon, and Kents Hill cemeteries.

For summer 2021 Ben hopes we may again invite Joe Ferrannini for another three-to-five August days of stone cleaning and repair. We might consider offering a stone-cleaning walk-through explaining best-practices for families who hope to maintain the graves of their forebears who are interred in our cemeteries.

Budget Committee: has not yet met but should do so soon. We may have a difficult year ahead. The Town of Readfield budget may be affected by the coronavirus pandemic however our committee is, of course, ready to help support the Town in this. We anticipate the following financial needs: the East Readfield berms might need \$400 to \$1,000; tree repair and improvement of stones; and planned-for decoration of graves, but we will work with the budget.

We are looking for two new committee members.

Next meeting will be by ZOOM on the third Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 1:00. Ben will invite us into the Town of Readfield meeting.

The meeting ended at 1:47.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Riley Osborn
Secretary pro tem.