

Cemetery Committee minutes for meeting April 26, 2021

Present: Andrews Tolman, chair; Marianne Perry; Grace Keene; Pam Riley Osborn; Ben Rodriguez, Sexton.

Absent: Brenda Lake; Karen Peterson; Warren Norris; Sandra Rourke.

The meeting started at 10:38 a.m. and was conducted via Zoom

Minutes for the previous meeting: Motion to accept minutes for the meeting held March 15, 2021 was made by Grace Keene, seconded by Marianne Perry, and approved by all.

Sexton's Report from Ben Rodriguez: Tree work at Huntton Cemetery, done by Taylor Stevenson of Stevenson Solutions, has been completed. Only some additional cleanup prevented by snow needs doing and Ben will take care of that task. The cost of this project was lower than the expected \$2,500 as the scope of the project was reconsidered. We have \$1,000 left to expend before fiscal year-end, June 16. Ben will work with Taylor Stevenson to utilize the remaining funds by dealing with hazardous trees before then.

Stone Work at Dudley Plains Cemetery has been completed by Collette Monuments and included the epoxy repair of a marble tablet and leveling and righting of 49 stones for \$1,600.00.

Joe Ferrannini, Grave Stone Matters of Albany, New York will spend time with us in August (firm date TBA) to work on stones and instruct us in stone repair at the East Readfield Cemetery.

A summer intern has been engaged. Megan Lemieux is from Vassalboro and a biology major at Unity College. Her tasks will center around cemetery records management. Megan will be with us from June first through August 20 and joins us through a \$2,000 Summer Municipal Intern Grant awarded by Maine Municipal Association.

Remaining funds in our budget may be used to plant a replacement tree or trees at Whittier Cemetery. We plan to meet with the McPhedran family to discuss appropriate choices.

Ben is working on spring cleanup tasks and has hired recent Maranacook graduate, Owen Therriault, to assist. Owen will be involved in building maintenance, the recycling station, and general upkeep of our cemeteries.

The first burial of the season has occurred. BHS of Farmingdale conducted the burial showing appropriate respect for the surrounding lots.

Other business: Grace Keene again brought up hopes for removing the growing and unsightly pile of dirt (it is not loam) at East Readfield Cemetery.

Marianne mentioned East Readfield berms may need more mulch from Mainly Mulch in Monmouth or By The Board Lumber Company in Readfield.

Weather permitting we plan to meet May 17, 10:30 a.m. at Dudley Plains Cemetery. Please bring a chair. If inclement, Ben will invite us to a Zoom meeting.

The meeting ended at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Riley Osborn
Secretary pro tem