

Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes October 16, 2019

Present: Andy Tolman, Grace Keene, Deb Doten, Pam Osborn, Marianne Perry, Warren Norris, Ben Rodriguez

Meeting Minutes for September 2019: Motion made to accept minutes with proposed changes and seconded, discussion pursuant and minutes were approved unanimously.

Report by Marianne Perry on the community service day. This would include raking by volunteer crews at locations to be determined. Maranacook High School Junior Class community service group to be involved. Suggestion made to contact Kennebec County Jail for inmate help.

Report by Andy Tolman on success of MOCA meeting held September 21st. Meeting was well attended. The Friends of the Vestry that provided the food did great and the fare was well received, as was Dale Potter-Clark and the other meeting programs and presentations.

From the committee: Thanks to Andy, Deb, Ben and Anne for their participation in making it a great meeting.

Sexton's Report by Ben Rodriguez

- Case Cemetery frontage area clean up has occurred.
- Respondent to previous discussions by the committee Eric Dyer and Ben Rodriguez have devised an RFP for tree work to be sent out for solicitation. Interested parties will meet October 21st at 8 am in Case Cemetery. Scope to include trees designated by sexton for limb removal or other maintenance (removal as last resort), as well as request for professional opinion on trees requiring further review.
 - Interested parties include:
 - Stevenson Solutions
 - Poulin Tree
 - Matt Davenport
 - Pinnacle
 - Greg Goucher
 - Marianne Perry recommended Woods Tree Service
 - Proposals due October 30th 2 pm bid opening
 - Presentation of results to the Select Board at the November 4th meeting
 - Ben requested Cemetery input prior to Select Board meeting. Suggestion made for a separate committee meeting. (M/S/V Agreed on November 1st at 1 pm.)
- Ben noted that Eric walked him through the Readfield webpage used for cemetery committee information. Webpage can be used for posting interesting articles, historical footnotes, photos and minutes.
- Also, the fall clean-up will be posted in the community "Messenger". Date for fall clean- up is slated for mid-November.

New Business:

Discussion turned to wreath laying provided by the town, one each at each of the town's cemeteries. Deb Doten to determine supplier and cost of approximately 30 inch diameter wreaths. The objective is to have them set for Veterans' Day but no later than December 1st.

The cost of the wreaths and the RFP for tree work prompted discussion of budget matters including the assignment of expense to either the capital fund or cemetery budget funds. Ben to meet with the town accountant to ensure appropriate funding source for the projects planned.

Question raised about the completion of the Dudley Plains signage. The sign needs to be completed before winter temperatures freeze the ground. Ben to look into this.

Stone cleaning was discussed as there are still a lot of markers requiring attention. At the MOCA meeting there was a vendor in attendance that had a product that might be promising, Citra Shield. The presenter was not thoroughly informed on her product as it was assumed by some MOCA attendees that the liquid was acidic and incompatible with the headstone materials. Andy reviewed the MSDS and found it was not acidic with a pH of 8. However, until a "proof of efficacy" is determined we will continue to use the D2 currently employed.

As far as the stone cleaning work is concerned the demand for it is high and available experience is limited. This prompted discussion on finding skilled stone cleaners or giving more stable commitments to existing cleaners. Further discussion tabled for information gathering.

Motion made to close meeting (M/S/V). Adjourned 2:25 pm.

Next meeting is November 1st, 2019 for Tree Work Proposal input.

Next scheduled full committee meeting is scheduled for November 20th, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren Norris
Cemetery Committee