

## Readfield Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023

**Present:** Andy Tolman (Chair), Ben Rodriguez (Sexton), Grace Keene, Brenda Lake, Tom Molokie, Pam Osborn, Marianne Perry. **Absent:** Lee Livingston, Warren Norris, Karen Peterson.

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 10:34 am.

**Secretary's Report:** Voted to accept the September minutes as presented.

**General Remarks:** There was discussion about the budget for next year. Nothing specific has been planned, except for hiring Joe Ferrannini for stone repair. Pam suggested that Ben present a list of needed expenditures.

**Sexton's Report: Ben Rodriguez**

As of right now, all cemeteries except for Readfield Corner have been mowed.

Ben met with Kents Hill School honor students, and hopes that a Kents Hill Cemetery project would be a possibility for them, as well as a potential research project. Ben will hopefully meet with Maranacook teacher Shane Gower as well about a potential project for Maranacook High School students.

There has been no input yet on a tree RFP. Trees at Kents Hill, Case, and Dudley are in need of attention. Ben will also walk around East Readfield and Church Road to spot problem trees at those cemeteries. There has been nothing spent yet in the 2023-2024 tree budget. Grace wondered about getting an opinion on tree cutting from Harold Burnett. A discussion ensued about planting new trees; Ben pointed out that very recently there have been new trees planted at Case and Whittier.

Ben is in favor of hiring Joe Ferrannini for more hours next year; there is \$1500 left in the stone repair budget. Some stone repair items have a shelf life so should be used up before too long.

Grace asked if we still plan to apply a bag of lime to a section at Case. Ben is still waiting to hear from Turf Solutions as to treating the grub problem there. Marianne suggested connecting with a local cooperative extension service about the problem at Case. All agreed that this would be a good idea.

**Next meeting** will be November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Meeting adjourned at 12:08pm

Brenda Lake, Secretary Pro Tem