

Readfield Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2024 - Approved

Present-Grace Keene, Pam Osborn, Tom Molokie, Marianne Perry, Brenda Lake, Andy Tolman, Karen Peterson, Ben Rodriguez

Motion to accept January 2024 Minutes made by Tom Molokie, seconded by Marianne Perry. Approved.

Budget Update-It is hoped we can add some more funding to the Capital Improvement Fund for the wall repairs in next year's budget.

Approximately \$13,000 is left in this current budget. There was some discussion on how services can be billed at the end of the fiscal year.

Sexton's Report-Ben described the recent Tree Work RFP. Four companies went to the pre-bid meeting and submitted bids.

There were complexities in the bids as some arborists recommended trimming branches and others suggested removing the s. trees

Motion to acknowledge the Sexton's good work preparing the bid analysis, keeping in mind the \$7,000 budgeted must be spent by June 30th, made by Tom Molokie, seconded by Marianne Perry. Approved. Ben will finish reviewing the bids, and then email his recommendation to committee members. Ben will present the final recommendation to the Select Board on February 26, 2024.

There was further discussion on the variables working with trees and determining the best approach short of removing the entire tree. Perhaps the Town Arborist could assist in evaluating the health of the trees.

Rules and By Laws Update-There was a brief discussion on descriptive language to be used specific to grave markers and monuments. Ben will send an updated version based on this discussion before the next meeting.

Next meeting will be March 18, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Peterson