

Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes

April 22nd, 2020

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

Meeting Minutes for March 18th, 2020: Motion made to accept minutes with proposed changes and seconded, discussion pursuant and amended minutes were approved unanimously.

Sexton's Report by Ben Rodriguez

Ben discussed damage issues related the frequent winter wind and heavy snow. He is aware of the tree down at Kents Hill, as well as numerous branches at E. Readfield. Dudley, Case, Whittier and Huntoon appear to have no additional damage.

He has seasonal help this spring from Logan Watts who will begin his efforts at Dudley. He documented the clean up with photos and is satisfied with Logan's work.

Some seasonally-inappropriate materials have been removed from some of the cemeteries. A note in the Readfield Messenger will include an advertisement for the Spring Clean Up.

Brenda volunteered to go by Huntoon and see if the large tree is still down.

Old Business

Software project activity includes same weather and now COVID-related delays. Cemify demos are on hold until the subcommittee can get together to discuss sample formats and decide whether or not to review the 14-day demo (?) to include testing of upload options. Ben wants to try both options. He will continue to attempt to gather information from Waterville who self-developed their system. He has not received a return call yet.

Marianne complimented the Case Cemetery work. The trees are down and debris has been removed. She has advised that the Sugar Maple choice for new trees for the Bicentennial will look good.

Andy asked about Stevenson's Case invoice since there was an additional tree removed. Ben expects a bill of \$4,375. Andy and Ben agreed that the work need to be completed by May's meeting.

New Business

Ben asked if the committee thought that there should be more aggressive pruning and removal of small bushes and trees along the rock wall. Committee members agree that an aggressive approach should be used.

Marianne is making a trip to Longfellow's to price the trees expected to be around \$138 each. Andy asked that the tree purchase, pick up and planting be put on Ben's to-do list.

Ben noted he has three gross of Memorial Day flags that were delivered.

Next meeting is 3rd Wednesday in May.

Covid-19 concerns still prevail so May's meeting will be conducted via Zoom Video Conferencing.

M/S/V adjourn

Respectfully submitted, Warren Norris, Cemetery Committee