

Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes

May 20th, 2020

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

Meeting Minutes for April 22nd, 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

Logan and Anna were working spring clean-up at Kents Hill and were completing the work there.

Mowing routine is beginning initially with E. Readfield, Readfield Corner, Dudley and Huntoon.

Flags have been set.

Received estimate from Collette Monument for up-righting, epoxying and cleaning stones at Case. Estimate is \$1750. Committee discussed using balance of stone repair dollars in budget for completing up-righting work at Kents Hill. Deb remarked that the committee should allocate the funds from prior budget. Collette estimated \$1200.

Marianne added that beautification is also committee responsibility.

It is Sexton's desire to provide longer term repairs in-house using town labor and hardware.

Old Business

Case tree work is completed. Final bill was \$4525.00. It was noted that no animals were hurt in this effort as the raccoons appear to have vacated the last subject tree, which Stevensons removed.

Greg Goucher has been asked to remove the tree at Whittier. Now awaiting Joan or Bob Mohlar's access approval for work to commence. Access is off of Beaver Dam Road on their property. Other option is to access off of easement where downside is possibility of damage.

Ben has made a Huntoon tree map to guide work there.

Discussion returned to trees plan for Case. Marianne noted that the Maine Nature Conservancy has recommendations based on color, longevity, size and adaptability. Ben noted that tree selection would impact future maintenance costs and efforts and asked about committee thoughts on dwarf specimens. Committee discussed that the size was essential in keeping with our thoughts on consistency and having a disease resistant and native species. The Sugar Maple was also recommended by the Maine Extension Service.

This voted on and unanimous for buying and installing the Sugar Maples.

New Business

The source of funding for the Whittier tree removal was discussed. It was agreed that it be paid out of the Whittier trust fund. Ben to discuss with Eric and Teresa.

Grace has purchased flowers for Readfield Corner. The committee extends its gratitude for Grace's generosity and thoughtfulness. The same to those who volunteered their time for maintenance chores without being asked.

Ben to check on missing memorial flag at Readfield Corner

Note: D-2 for stone cleaning is now \$60 per gallon.

Next meeting is June 17th, 2020. Hopefully things will be settled enough for a face-to-face SD meeting. Stay healthy.

M/S/V adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Warren Norris
Cemetery Committee