

Readfield Cemetery Committee Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2015
Approved May 4, 2015

Committee Members Present: Grace Keene, Marianne Perry, Deb Doten, Lydia Adelson, Pam Osborn, Brenda Lake, Sandra Rourke

Committee Members Excused: Evelyn Potter, Lorraine Wagner

Select Board Liaison: Excused

Staff: Karen Peterson, Sexton

The meeting began at 10:00 am at the Readfield Town Office.

Meeting Minutes:

Deb Doten reviewed the draft recommendations for changes and circulated revisions to the February 23, 2015 minutes. Brenda Lake made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Marianne Perry. Motion carried unanimously.

Memo from the Chair

Grace reviewed the memo that she sent to all Committee Members regarding the final vote of the February 23, 2015 meeting. The memo recommended that we delay the vote to approve the amended Cemetery rules. Lydia Adelson made the motion to accept the memo to delay the amending of the Cemetery Rules and Mission statement. Second by Brenda Lake. The motion carried unanimously.

Sexton's Update

The Select Board will be discussing the release of the RFP for the repair of the stone walls at the Case and Readfield Corner Cemeteries.

Marianne Perry and Karen Peterson will be seeking bids for the Living Fence at the East Readfield Cemetery according to the Purchasing Policy. The money will be obligated by June 30, 2015.

All grave stone repairs will be finished by June 30.

There are two burials pending when the cemeteries re-open.

\$700 will be used for tree trimming at Kent's Hill Cemetery.

Stone Cleaning:

Grace and Karen will work on arranging Libby Doakes to provide a workshop on stone cleaning and simple repairs for Cemetery Committee members and other interested residents.

Warrant Article:

The Select Board wrote the final article with the following:

\$25,110 raised from taxes

\$ 4000 perpetual care

\$ 7000 anticipated from fund-raising efforts

Meeting ended at 11:10 am.

Next Meeting:

May 4, 2015 at 10:00 am

TO: The Cemetery Committee
FR: Grace Keene
DATE: March 23, 2015
RE: Vote on February 23, 2015

At our February 23 meeting, 5 Cemetery Committee voted to approve our work on the Cemetery Rules for this year's warrant. Upon adjournment of the meeting, some of the remaining members, felt rushed and concerned that we needed more work on these rules before presenting them to the Select Board for the warrant. Many expressed that they wanted a full committee vote.

I called Lydia, Marianne, Deb, and Sandra, who were members able to stay for the whole meeting and vote on the final draft around 1pm on February 23. I asked these four members if they thought we should reconsider submitting the rules to the Select Board, as only 5 of us were there to vote. Everyone I talked with agreed we should wait and go over some of the rules again and not be hurried. Since any changes have to be presented and voted by the town voters, we wanted to make sure we covered all items necessary.

At our today's meeting, I recommend that we develop a plan and timeline for submitting these rule to the Select Board for the 2017 Town Meeting warrant.

Thank you!