

East Montpelier Cemetery Commission

The East Montpelier Cemetery Commission met at the Strong home on January 3, 2018 at 2:00 PM. The following members were present: Christopher Reed, Elliott Morse, Gary Hudson, Tim Lamson and Frederick Strong, Clerk. Also attending were John Flannery and Johnathan Boucher.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

The granite post at the front of the Cutler cemetery vault remains a concern. The post has been pushed back nearer the proper position and temporarily braced.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris and Fred reported:

- After discussion with the town administrator it was determined that the work Tim was doing to add cemetery records to the town computer data base was not a responsibility of the Cemetery commission.
- After years of reducing the cemetery bank account balance, it is now necessary that we request enough money from the town to cover our anticipated annual expenses.

A budget was developed after review of the 2017 expenses and the bank balance. After discussion of goals for the coming season, it was **voted** to request \$17250 from the Town. The budget is as follows:

Payroll	\$11000
Fence Painting & Repair	\$ 2000
Tombstone Cleaning & Repair	\$ 1500
Cemetery Association	\$ 100
Parts, Supplies & Maintenance	\$ 1500
Contingency/Hogweed Remediation	\$ 500
Flags & Markers	\$ 150
Tree Cutting	<u>\$ 500</u>
TOTAL	\$17250

Chris announced that he cannot complete his term on the commission and will resign effective on town meeting day.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM. The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

Frederick C. Strong, Clerk