

TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING

Wednesday September 4, 2019

- A. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Tim Lamson, Chairman, at 2:35 pm. The following members were present: Elliott Morse, Jonathan Boucher, Marc Lane, and Emily Goyette, Clerk. Florence Morse was also in attendance.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – Elliott Morse clarified two points in the draft minutes of the July 3rd meeting and the minutes were approved with amendments.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

B. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

1. Equipment

Kubota: Elliott reported that repairs to a spindle holding a blade on the mowing deck will cost \$750 at Champlain Valley Equipment. They have not given Elliott a timeline for the repair.

Cub Cadet: This machine is in need of replacement. The committee will put an amount in the budget for next year and if approved by the Selectboard, a new small mower will be purchased in the spring.

Trimmer: A new one is needed and Tim plans to go to Guy's Equipment in Barre. Jon described and highly recommended the battery trimmers that Green Mount in Montpelier uses. Battery life is approximately 6 hours before recharging is needed.

2. Labor

Signs have been purchased and installed at the Willard Cutler and Gould cemeteries.

Tim mowed the Village Cemetery which took all day.

The new posts for Quaker have been installed and painted.

3. Burn Pile in Doty

A permit will need to be obtained prior to burning but, per Elliott, that's a simple matter of contacting the Fire Department.

The Town still needs to level dirt pile before burning can commence.

4. Painting

While ½ gallon of paint and stain remain, more will need to be purchased. Gloves are also needed.

Elliott will use the credit card to obtain these items.

5. Article for Signpost on the Gould and William Cutler cemeteries

Article is due on October 1st for the November/December issue. Emily is still working on it and distribute it for comment/edits from committee members prior to submitting to Signpost. Emily will also schedule a photo shoot of the two sites with Terry Allen.

6. Burials

Richard Martin was interred.
No new burials are scheduled at this time.

7. Cemetery Guest Log

Tim showed us a prototype which would be installed at each cemetery (a la the boxes at some of the East Montpelier trail heads) with a guest book for visitors to sign and either a map (diagram) or a listing of those buried the committee. The committee approved this idea.

8. Fall Work and Closing Date for Cemeteries

The brush at the north end of Cate cemetery needs cutting.
The old Quaker posts are ready for cutting/burning in Doty along with an apple tree branch that fell in Doty.
Clark and Wheeler cemeteries are due for maintenance.
Stones in Quaker need to be straightened.
Woodchucks still haven't been dealt with.
Repairing/righting stones will be done when mowing is finished.
Painting in the Village cemetery needs to be done.
No specific closing date was set.

9. Update of Cemetery Plot Information Sheet

In progress by Tim

C. OTHER BUSINESS

Cochran's Memorials in Windsor is holding a 3-day workshop covering stone cleaning and repair. Mark plans to attend.

Additions were made to the Town's "Summary Information Sheet for Prospective Lot Owners": a picture of the monument must be provided in advance to the Sexton; all cemetery work must be pre-approved; payment to the Town must be made in advance. (A recent burial has still not been paid for requiring collection queries from the Town that should not have been necessary.)

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 2:30 pm.

D. ADJOURN

Elliott moved and Jon seconded a motion to adjourn at 3:35. All were in favor.