

# **TOWN OF EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING**

**Thursday, January 2, 2020**

- A. CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Tim Lamson, Chairman, at 1:35 pm. The following members were present: Elliott Morse, Jonathan Boucher, and Emily Goyette, Clerk. Florence Morse was also in attendance.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** - None

**APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – No amendments

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

## **B. DISCUSSION OF ISSUES**

### **1. Update on 2019 year end activities**

Tim & Nick made steps up to the Willard Cutler cemetery.

The Montpelier grave contractor leveled the dirt pile in the burn pile area at Doty.

### **2. Establish goals for the 2020 season**

Elliott will arrange to have the Kubota tractor tuned up at Champlain Valley Equipment.

There's brush to burn at both Doty & Tinkham. Elliott determined that no permit is necessary to burn brush while snow is on the ground; however the town fire department will be notified prior to burning.

The chain saw needs a new bar & chain – Tim & Elliott will do this themselves.

Posts at White cemetery will be replaced and painted.

A pine tree at Clark cemetery fell down and will need to be moved. A sign will be installed.

The Cub Cadet mower is kaput. Discussion followed re disposal and replacement. Elliott proposed the purchase of a zero-turn mower which would result in fewer labor hours for mowing. A new trailer would likely be needed because of the wider width of a zero-turn mower. Jon moved

and Elliott seconded a motion to request a capital expenditure not to exceed \$8,000 from the Selectboard for a new mower and trailer. All were in favor. Tim will advertise the Cub Cadet on Front Porch Forum seeking a best offer.

One full burial is scheduled for Doty in May.

Further goals will be discussed at the next meeting.

### 3. Prepare budget funds request to present to Selectboard

After review of financial reports kindly provided by Don Welch, it was moved by Jon and seconded by Tim that we request the following funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, subject to approval by the Selectboard. All were in favor.

Payroll	\$16,000
Grounds -Fence Painting & Repair	2,000
Grounds -Tombstone Cleaning & Repair	1,500
Grounds – Tree & Invasive Plant Control	500
Grounds – New Corner Markers	150
Equipment Maintenance	2,000
Fuel	500
Cemetery Association Fees	100
Miscellaneous	750
Total	\$23,500

While this represents a ? increase, it was noted that we level-funded last year. Emily will ascertain whether we need to provide a statement for the town report. If so, she will do it.

### C. OTHER BUSINESS

Tim went over the list of cemeteries on the East Montpelier website. Several (Persons, Gray Road, Dillon Farm, Bennett Monument) are on private property with only a few stones. Plain-Mont is maintained by Plainfield, Poplar Hill by Calais. Tim will discuss with Bruce Johnson what cemeteries should in fact be listed.

Emily will work with Florence & Elliott on a Signpost article re the Willard Cutler cemetery.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

### D. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 2:50 pm.