

Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2015

Town Hall

Present: John Simanskas, Fletcher Dean, Juanita Nunn, Randy Koch

Guest: Sexton Wyatt Healey

John called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Minutes of the March 26th Commissioners' meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sexton's Report:

Old West Church Cemetery fence has been repaired. All Cemeteries were mowed up to Memorial Day. U-32 High School's VYCC crew did a good job painting the west side fence of Robinson Cemetery over three days. (Fletcher will send a thank you note on behalf of the commissioners and ask if they would consider another work project for the next school year).

June is traditionally the busiest month with mowing. Wyatt will paint the repaired fence section at Old West Church as well as the fence at Old Fairview.

F/Y 2014/15 Budget: \$3,294.93 remains plus \$2,500 reimbursement from the Select Board for a total of \$5,794.93.

Ainsworth Cemetery Volunteer Work Day May 9:

There was good weather and a very good turnout for Calais 6th grader May Lamb's community service learning project to trim back brush, remove demolished fencing and clean up the outer perimeter debris left from last summer's logging. May was very ably assisted by her father, Drew, who operated his Kabota tractor with bucket. John and Randy straightened the granite fence posts along the whole right side. All five commissioners were joined by community members Peter and Sage Kennedy and their sons, Leland and Simon, Scott and Charlotte Bassage, Andrew Nemethy, Jane Dean, Finn Cook and Matt Barewicz. The commissioners wish to thank all who made this project a success. 17 people x 3 hours = 51 volunteer hours.

John reported that a roll-off dumpster for hauling away the piles of fencing costs \$100 for delivery, \$275 for pick up and \$145/ton for disposal. Wyatt will research less expensive alternatives such as hiring a dump truck.

Maintenance Projects:

John reported that the hedge at Fairview Cemetery suffered damage from winter snow. The two companies who are bidding on the trim will review the damage.

John will purchase 10 gallons of paint at \$26.95/gal.

Executive session: Randy made a motion to go into executive session in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3) for the purpose of discussing a property ownership issue. The motion was seconded by John and the vote carried 4-0. After coming out of executive session at 8:15 John said there was nothing to report.

Hudson Cemetery:

John presented the latest layout of plots. Wyatt gave input on the entrance and gate as well as cremation vs. full burial plots.

John will put in the application for a curb cut for the entrance.

Old West Church Cemetery:

Randy has been unsuccessful at reaching Mr. Wallbridge to discuss pressure washing the headstones. He will try again. John brought in a Times Argus photo of Joe Calcagni of the Granite Corp. of Barre, repairing a headstone. Randy will also contact him.

Endowment Report:

There was no financial statement to review. Fletcher will ask the Town Clerk to email a copy of the latest statement to commissioners.

Other business:

Juanita notified commissioners of her plans to log her property, including the perimeter of Shortt Cemetery.

Wyatt's new projects as of July 1 will begin with installation of vinyl chain link fences as Ainsworth and Shortt cemeteries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Cemetery Commission meets the fourth Thursday of the month in summer and bi-monthly thereafter.

Next meeting Thursday, June 25, 2015

7 PM

Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Fletcher Dean,

May 31, 2015