

## Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2015 (re-scheduled from cancelled July 23 meeting)

### Town Hall

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

Guest: Sexton Wyatt Healey

John called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Minutes of the June 24th Commissioners' meeting were reviewed and approved after one correction: to replace the "weed whacker" with "push mower" in the revised \$5/hour hire rate.

#### **Cemetery Budget:**

John reported on a surplus at the end of Fiscal Year 2014/15. Randy made a motion to ask the Town Clerk if it is possible to recover the extra funds. John seconded. Approved.

#### **Sexton's Report:**

Wyatt has been mowing frequently. He bought a paint sprayer and has spent \$135 on paint. Randy asked about barberry overgrowth at Fairview Cemetery. Wyatt plans to cut it back.

There was discussion about a request to transfer ownership of a burial plot without a specific map location.

Wyatt will install a 20 foot wide gate at Hudson Cemetery using 2 -10 foot sections.

Wyatt reported that there are no more flag holders or flags for veteran's graves. There followed some discussion about just what is an appropriate flag for these public cemeteries and which organization is responsible for their purchase. Juanita made a motion to authorize Wyatt to purchase ten holders and flags. John seconded. Approved.

#### **Wash and Repair of Headstones:**

Randy presented details of three bids with pros and cons of various techniques. Fletcher made a motion to have Randy ask if Kevin Walbridge will wash and repair Ainsworth and Old West Church Cemeteries for our budgeted \$9,000. John seconded. Approved. Fletcher will call Pat Healy of Green Mount Cemetery for his advice and experience with cleaning methods.

#### **Fairview Cemetery Hedge Trimming:**

John has received only one bid from TreeWorks in Montpelier. Fletcher made a motion to have John contact TreeWorks to accept their bid of \$6,000 (\$5,000 budgeted) with cleanup expectations in writing. Juanita seconded. Approved.

**Endowment:**

Commissioners reviewed latest financial statement.

**Hudson Cemetery:**

John reported that the Select Board has approved a curb cut for the driveway.

**Other business:**

John will look into assigning 911 addresses for each of the cemeteries in case of emergency.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

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

**Next meeting Thursday, August 27, 2015**

**7 PM**

**Town Hall**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Fletcher Dean**

**August 3, 2015**