

Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2014

Town Hall

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

Guest: Sexton Wyatt Healey,

John called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Minutes of June 26th meeting were reviewed and approved with clarification for specific terms for Randy (filling out Elliot Morse's term - 2015) and Jennifer (filling out Mo Cerutti's term - 2016).

SEXTON'S REPORT:

Wyatt submitted a detailed proposal for his Fiscal Year 15-16 budget, including regular mowing, seasonal work, repairs, infrastructure work and projects needing attention.

Discussion followed re: present FY 14-15 budget, approved at Town Meeting, which has apparently been reduced by \$3,000 (slated to come from the Endowment), due to a recent statement by the Trustees for Public Funds. John will inquire for clarification.

John reported that he purchased 120 fence boards and supplies with leftover funds from FY 13/14 budget.

John presented a list of projects to complete for each cemetery.

OLD WEST CHURCH:

Volunteer work day to make repairs and paint the fence was postponed to Sat. July 26.

OLD FAIRVIEW CEMETERY:

John will order a new "Bliss Section" sign to hang under the present sign.

Discussion about replacing missing or broken granite fence posts on upper side and replacement options. Jennifer will research costs of granite posts.

AINSWORTH CEMETERY:

Jennifer will ask tree warden(s) to conduct a walk through with commissioners to discuss and plan remediation steps in the wake of the recent perimeter tree clearing.

ROBINSON CEMETERY:

John reported that Mr. Wallbridge plans to pressure wash the remaining headstones at the beginning of August. Gate and 5 sections of fence need completion and sign post to be installed.

The Fitch family is planning to cut trees on the roadside and has offered to cut any impacting the cemetery at no charge. Wyatt recommends cutting a large poplar and will mark that and other perimeter trees needing to be cut.

SHORTT CEMETERY:

John will contact Mo to set a new work day in the fall. Will need to coordinate with Road Commissioner to fill in corner at the same time the culvert for Hudson Cemetery entrance is built.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Wyatt recommends that we consult with Patrick Healy (no relation), Green Mount Cemetery Director, as a valuable resource to help commissioners prioritize the many projects needing attention and to create a practical budget.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

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

Next meeting Thursday, August 21, 2014

7 PM

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Respectfully submitted,

Fletcher Dean,

July 27, 2014