

Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021

Via Zoom

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

Guest: Joe Mangan

Juanita called the meeting to order at 7:25

Minutes of the November 18th meeting were reviewed and approved.

John thanked Jennifer for her years of service as commissioner and taking on the role of Sexton. As she steps down, Joe will become Sexton and Laura Dailey will be elected as the next commissioner at Town Meeting.

Sexton's Report: Jennifer reported that inquiries regarding grave locations have been complicated by lack of access to town records because of COVID-19. She also floated the possibility of funding special projects via grants or the creation of "Friends of..." donor groups, instead of tax dollars. She will also help out later in spring with the planting of trees in Robinson Cemetery's green burial grounds.

Contractor's Report: Joe says things are quiet. A couple more green burial plots have been sold. Of the 30 total plots available, about 12 are left. He says there is room for expansion at Robinson and also at Hudson. An adjacent land owner by Old Fairview had inquired about expanding the cemetery for green burials. He will contact him again for more details.

Financial report and Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget: Commissioners reviewed the budget and expenses as of February 24. The endowment balance is \$198,086.71. Projects include replacing Robinson (west side) fence and planting trees in the green burial section. Joe and his crew will repair and straighten Robinson headstones for the second of the three-year project.

2021 Meeting Dates: April 28, May 26, June 23, August 25, September 22, October 27 and November 17.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

The Cemetery Commission meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month in summer and bi-monthly thereafter.

Next meeting

April 28

Location and time TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Fletcher Dean,

March 4, 2020