

## Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2016

Town Clerk's Office

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

Guest: Sexton Wyatt Healey

John called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Minutes of the November 19<sup>th</sup> Commissioners' meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Wyatt reports that the busy mowing season will commence soon. No fence painting needed. He will purchase 300 U.S. flags for \$300 to place on veterans' graves ahead of Memorial Day.

He will have U-32's VT Youth Conservation Corps volunteers cut & trim brush at Old Fairview Cemetery over a 3-day period in mid-May.

### **Upcoming projects:**

Commissioners and Wyatt reviewed a list of projects for each cemetery that John had created.

Randy will have Kevin Wallbridge return to Old West Church, Robinson and Ainsworth Cemeteries to assess damage to some headstones weakened by the combination of pressure washing and winter weather. He will get a quote to bring them back into proper condition. Quote also needed for pressure washing in Shortt Cemetery for this year.

### **Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget and Endowment:**

Commissioners reviewed budget expenses to date. There was a question re Town Clerk's email suggesting a \$2,700 shortfall come out of the separate \$14,000 article approved by voters for special projects in the Fiscal Year 2016/17 budget. John will get clarification.

The Endowment balance is \$120,540.34. Fletcher will contact Rep. Ancel re the status of changing state statutes to allow trustees to invest in the VT Community Foundation along with many other non-profits.

### **General discussion:**

Jennifer floated the possibility of horse drawn wagon rides between cemeteries during fall foliage festival. Local historians could be on hand. Fletcher added he had seen historical reenactments or story telling at the Peacham cemetery.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.

Cemetery Commission meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in summer and bi-monthly thereafter.

**Next meeting May 25, 2016**

**7 PM**

**Town Hall**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Fletcher Dean**

**May 2, 2016**