

Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2017

Town Clerk's Office

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

Guest: Sexton Wyatt Healey

John called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Minutes of the May 24, 2017 Commissioners' meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sexton issues discussed included the cost of recent burials and the desirability of maintaining a sufficient contingency sum.

2016/17 Budget: There is considerable confusion concerning the "overspending" in our budget. There was a consensus that we need to seek clarification from the Town Treasurer to avoid deficits in future. In particular we need to be able to track expenses over a number of periods in order to detect trends.

2017/18 Budget: Commissioners reviewed the budget and planned projects, such as repair and pressure washing headstones this year at Old Fairview Cemeteries and hedge trimming. It was unanimously decided to undertake washing of the lower section of Old Fairview and to trim one side of the hedge.

Endowment: Balance is around \$ 133,000. Rep. Ancel introduced a bill, H. 5, to change VT statutes, allowing for more flexible investment management, such as the VT Community Foundation, for better financial returns. This was passed and signed into law in May.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

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

Next meeting August 23, 2017

7 PM

Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Koch

July 19, 2017