

Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2016

Town Hall

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

Guest: Sexton Wyatt Healey

John called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Minutes of the June 22nd Commissioners' meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sexton's Report:

Wyatt has recently sold three lots. He has prepared granite fence posts at Ainsworth Cemetery for installation of chain link fencing. Also, he presented a cost breakdown of work performed to date and plans for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016/17. He also listed special projects recommendations and budgetary issues for FY 2017/18.

Wyatt appealed to the commissioners for a more consistent mapping system of our cemeteries. Fletcher and Juanita will rekindle their mapping project to procure mapping software begun last fall.

Cemeteries Price List:

Continuing last month's discussion on updating the lot prices to be more in line with most neighboring towns, Wyatt recommended increasing each lot size by \$100 for Calais residents, to reflect the real cost of corner marker purchase and installation. Non-residents' prices would be doubled from present prices. He also proposed raising his interment fees. Juanita made a motion to set new prices effective January 1, 2017 as follows:

Single grave - \$700 resident; \$1,700 non-resident

Double grave - \$900 resident; \$2,100 non-resident

Four grave - \$1,500 resident; \$3,300 non resident

Cremation - \$ 700 resident; \$1,700 non resident

Interment - \$850 all days; Cremations - \$225 weekdays (Tue-Fri), \$275 (no change) weekends (Sat-Mon) & holidays

Installing flat grass marker \$150 (no change)

Randy seconded the motion. Approved. Jennifer will update the local community via Front Porch Forum to encourage residents to consider buying lots before the price increases.

Calais Fall Foliage Event:

Jennifer reported that she has contacted other local organizations to co-sponsor the cost of hiring horse & cart rides from Robinson Cemetery to Kent's Corner, and possibly to Old West Church Cemetery. No commitments as yet.

Endowment:

The endowment balance as of June 30, 2016 stands at \$122,447.77.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.

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

Next meeting August 24, 2016

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Respectfully submitted,

Fletcher Dean

August 3, 2016