

Calais Cemetery Commission meeting
February 28, 2024
Approved minutes

Members present: Juanita Nunn, Chair, Michael Fullerton, Vice chair, Shari Fitch.
Also present: Joe Mangan, Sexton

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 by Chair Juanita Nunn

The minutes of the last meeting, Nov. 15, 2023 were approved and will be posted.

The sexton reported that this winter 2 lots had been sold at Robinson Cemetery and one green burial had been made there. The question was asked why the cemetery regulations specify that monuments be granite. Joe was not certain why that ruling had been made but noted that exceptions can be made if approved by the commission. Exceptions could include such things as a boulder with a plaque or a metal monument. He also confirmed that green burials can take place in the new Hudson cemetery.

Until the present, when a cemetery lot is sold, the plot price includes purchasing and installing four corner markers. Since by regulation the entire price must go into the Cemetery Commission endowment the commission must use money from the cemetery fund to pay for the markers. We discussed holding out that cost from the sale of the lot, but that would reduce the amount going into the endowment and would probably run afoul of the regulations. We agreed to add the cost of markers as a separate amount, payable separately. That amount, estimated by the sexton at \$300, will then be paid to him at the time of the installation. The sexton will revise the price sheet and add an explanation of the extra charge. The revised price list will be posted on the town web site.

The sexton also noted that a review of plot prices in other area cemeteries are similar to our prices. Other than the addition of the corner markers cost, plot prices will remain the same.

We discussed the upcoming town meeting and agreed that we had all the information we need to answer any questions that may be asked of us.

The fence at the Old West Church cemetery has been completed with the installation of the arched entry. Painting can be done in the fall.

The commission has been reviewing the cemetery regulations to see if any changes or updates need to be made. That process will continue. If needed we will warn a special meeting in March (The commission does not normally meet in March) for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Fullerton, Secretary pro tem