

Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

Town Office

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

Juanita called the meeting to order at 7:10.

Minutes from the November 20th meeting were reviewed and approved.

Sexton's report: Jennifer reports that incoming calls and emails have ebbed of late but that she has fielded a number of inquiries about green burials. Area funeral homes now have the updated price lists and they are on the town's website. Calais will be listed in a new green burial guide being written presently. There was discussion about issuing burial transport permits when funeral directors are not involved.

Landscaping Robinson Cemetery Green Burial section: Jennifer says the local volunteer landscaper will need an aerial photo of the grounds to make a plan. A drone photo will be taken when the snow is gone. There was discussion about the cost of trees and plants, which could possibly be defrayed by people wishing to honor a person's passing with a dedicated contribution "in lieu of flowers," etc.

Card file data entry: Juanita and Fletcher will return to New Fairview Cemetery in the spring to continue recording data from headstones.

Financial report and Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget: Commissioners reviewed the budget and expenses to date. The endowment balance as of 1/31/20 is \$164,944.24. At our November meeting commissioners approved the contract proposal from Kirkyard Services for the coming season, but did not sign the contract. Fletcher will contact the Treasurer to have a copy ready for commissioners to sign.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

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

Next meeting

April 22, 2020 - 7 PM

Town Office (or Town Hall if available)

Respectfully submitted,

Fletcher Dean,

February 25, 2020