

Calais Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2021

Via Zoom

Present: John Simanskas, Fletcher Dean, Juanita Nunn, Randy Koch, Laura Dailey

Guest: Joe Mangan

Juanita called the meeting to order at 7:05

Minutes of the February 25th meeting were reviewed. Juanita asked to amend minutes to reflect that Laura ran as the sole candidate for commissioner. With that amendment minutes were approved.

Sexton's Report: Joe reports that plot sales have been brisker than usual and that all but five (of 30) green burial plots in Robinson Cemetery have been sold. He recommends expanding this section. They planted 18 red and white flowering crab apple trees today, filling in with compost and bark mulch. Rain is forecast for the next week but regular deep watering will be necessary for at least the first month. John has a 125 gal. tank. Joe's is 300 gal. Fletcher and John can do some of the watering and will coordinate with Joe. Deer protection can be made with posts and chicken wire. Joe also reported that a couple wants to purchase a plot if one can person can be buried naturally while the other donates the body to science, which may take as long as 3 years and require cremation. Fletcher noted that green burial guidelines do not prohibit cremations at this time. Joe also reported that he received a donation of \$1,000 toward maintenance in Robinson Cemetery. As maintenance is a general expense, Laura suggested that the treasurer earmark it as a restricted donation for a special project. Fletcher will contact the treasurer. Finally, Joe asked to correct an inadvertent under-billing from last fall for a number of 4-corner posts. He will rectify the amount with John and re-submit for payment.

Other work: Joe warned that an aging maple tree in Robinson may have to come down. John mentioned a tree in Old Fairview as well. Randy reported that the Ainsworth fence needs painting. Joe will pick up and place flags for Memorial Day. There was uncertainty if the elementary school children will place flags in Robinson this year because of the COVID pandemic.

Financial report and Fiscal Year 2021/22 budget: Commissioners reviewed the budget and expenses as of April 26. The endowment balance is \$208,694.64. Now that the balance has exceeded the goal of \$200,000 recommended by the Trustees, commissioners need to understand the procedure to access the interest for planning next year's budget. Fletcher will contact Rod Buck.

Other business: Commissioners welcomed Laura as our newest member!

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

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

Next meeting

May 26, Location and time TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Fletcher Dean, May 5, 2021