

## **May 28, 2025 Calais Cemetery Commission**

### **Approved minutes**

Present: Juanita Nunn, vice chair, Sage Kennedy, Shair Fitch, Laura Dailey, and Joe Mangan, sexton

Meeting was called to order at 6:10

April's meeting notes were approved without changes.

There were no agenda changes.

Sage asked about the sexton's 2025/2026 contract. There was no date-stamp on the contract in the Town Clerk's folder, and the contract was not signed by cemetery commissioners. There was discussion about the cost of trimming the Fairview hedges, which was \$7,000. This work has already been done by Joe. We discussed better procedures for the budget report.

Sexton's report: Ainsworth fence should cost \$4,300, and Joe asked if a chain could replace the gate. This will be discussed at the next meeting. The tree at Fairview has not yet been removed.

Discussion of OWC fence priming by community members, as the U32 students will paint when school is back in session in the fall.

Discussion of Colby Tuller's volunteer project. It is most likely too late to coordinate before school is out.

Laura asked about the Bliss Trust update. Don Hawkins died last year, and we will discuss at next meeting how to move forward with this cemetery. It is not clear who is the trustee of Bliss cemetery now and whether the town will need to take over maintenance.

Discussion around Michael's to-do list, regarding his visiting the cemeteries before this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Sage Kennedy, Secretary