

Town of Calais Cemetery Commission

08/30/2023

Members present: Juanita Nunn; Sage Kennedy; Shari Fitch, Laura Dailey

Public: Joe Magnon – Sexton; Reed Charrington

Additions to agenda – Reed has some questions.

Called to order at 6:02 PM

Approve minutes from July 26 meeting. – Shari made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Sexton's Report – Cemeteries are very wet. Joe relayed some information about the most recent green burial and some of the challenges. One burial had been postponed due to water saturation, but he was able to finish that. By next meeting Joe will have a solid price for the old west church fence.

Landscape of Green Burial Section – Joe has not ordered any trees yet. We discussed landscaping options and how it would work for planting the trees when there's a site not filled yet. Shari suggested planting trees once the 2 side by side sites are full.

Robinson Fence – date and volunteers – Juanita got an email from Donna Fitch saying she could get some volunteers to help paint. Joe said with the amount of rain we have had we may need to see if we get some sun before setting a date. We will table this item and see the condition of the fence and if it's dry enough to do soon, and if it is we will try again to set a date this year, if not we will postpone until next year.

Reed came to ask about the fence line mowing on the other side of the fence at Robinson and said its coming back fast. Joe said he has been unable to get to it with all the rain but will ask his crew to do it. Reed did say the front of the cemetery looks good.

Reed discussed the dirt pile in the Robinson Cemetery and that access to it should be through Donna Fitches field. He could ask her if needed and may want the material. We also discussed the cemetery and approaching the Fitches about purchasing or getting a donation of the back of the field to the wood line for cemetery expansion due to green burial popularity and potential future need. Reed could float the idea to the Fitches and let us know if it sounds like they may consider it.

Old West Church fence update – By next meeting Joe will have an estimate and will likely be able to start in September. Sage asked about the gate at the OWC, and if someone else could do it or if he planned to. Joe will email the pictures and information on measurements so we will also have that. John McCullough planned the project, and we will follow his guidelines. We discussed the plan and that we believe something should be used to fill the gaps to keep the water out and prevent any issues in the drilled holes in the rock ledge.

Financial Report – We do not have a financial report. Juanita is going to ask Rodney Buck to come to the October meeting and talk about the endowment with him, Michael should be back by then. We would like to know more about how it works and is set up. Juanita is also going to ask Sandra about getting an updated report.

NEMRC Training update – Wendy and Laura made a tentative plan for Friday at 1pm, a remote meeting between Laura and Wendy to do the training then Laura can bring the information to the rest of the committee and teach them how to use it in the future. Laura will pick up the laptop at the clerk’s office on Thursday and have it for the training and bring it to the next meeting.

Sign Orders – Orders were signed.

Motion to Adjourn – Shari made a motion to adjourn.

made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting will be at: 9/27/2023

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