

Town of Calais Cemetery Commission

06/26/2023

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

Public: Joe Magnon, Kaira Magnon

Additions to agenda – None

Called to order at 6:03 PM

Changes/Additions

Approve minutes from 5/24/2023 – Shari made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion approved.

Sexton's Report – Reed Cherrington asked Joe to mow the back side of the fence at Robinson, so they started doing that and they will continue to keep up what he's done. We sold 12 green burial sites this past month in Robinson. Joe thinks we should look at getting rid of the pile of rock and dirt, maybe someone could use it for fill. You would have to go through the cemetery to get it. It would clear up 24 more sites. Michael will contact Anne Winchester to see if the town crew could possibly pick it up.

OWC fence is removed. They will be mowing this week. The DRB said since we were putting it back as it was, we don't need to do anything for paperwork or permits. Joe M will reach out to John McCullough and ask him to reflect that in writing. Barb McAndrew was at the site visit, and she emailed the dates they were having events.

Stone cleaning at Poplar Hill cemetery and scheduling was discussed. It was included in last years budget, so Joe can do it as he can fit it in after the next Fiscal Year.

Discussion/Site Visits – The commission saw all 8 cemeteries:

- OWC fence replacement is being worked on currently.
- Robinson fence needs paint and fill removal.
- Fairview, on the left side, excluding the bliss section, we would like that fence totally removed and we may go back and replace it eventually.
- Janes cemetery, we need to paint the flagpole and replace the flag there. George Grout used to maintain the flagpole, but he's not in good health. Joe will order the new flag, and he can put it on his schedule to paint it. We could ask for a volunteer to lower and raise the flag when needed.
- Ainsworth, fence in the front, boards need to be replaced. Probably next year for that one. There are some broken stones and sunken stones. Joe could do the carpentry part, and we can figure out painters.
- Short, dead trees need removal.
- Poplar, stones need cleaning, tree/branches cleaned.

Kaira said we will want more trees at Robinson if we are expanding the green burial section. Joe will order them, he does not have prices yet, we would have more info in the Fall when he is ready to plant.

Joe will need 2 yards of compost and 2 yards of mulch, about a \$300 expense for the compost and mulch. He is estimating 18-20 trees that range \$40-50. It would be about a \$1,500 project overall.

Bliss Trust – Juanita brought a letter to use as a template to send them, accepting the offer of \$2500 for past maintenance.

Endowment Withdrawal – We had reached the \$200,000 in the endowment so we wanted to take the excess, \$10,400 before 6/30/2023. The treasurer emailed the trustees to get permission, and we are waiting to get a response. We are a little confused about the endowment and how we can use it. Juanita wants to invite Rodney Buck and he can explain the endowment and the details on how it works and how we can use it.

NEMRC Training – Juanita wants to ask Laura to contact Wendy Wilton and make a meeting with Laura and Juanita to do training.

Update VOCA Listing – They do not know where the Bruce cemetery Cading Road in Worcester, used to connect to long meadow hill road, or Jane Cemetery is, Martin cemetery, Jaime Grays memorial (on the driveway), Sally Dugar cemetery, and 7 more unnamed. They have lot numbers and co-ordinates, Michael will update them and there is one on Gail Grahams property, it is called the Bliss cemetery. Michael will email them.

Sign Orders – Orders were signed.

Motion to Adjourn -

Shari made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting will be at: 7/26/2023

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