

Town of Calais Cemetery Commission

05/09/2023

5PM – Cemetery Site Visit Tour

Members present: Juanita Nunn; Sage Kennedy; Michael Fullerton; Shari Fitch (2 of 4), Laura Dailey

Public: Reed Cherrington; Barbara McAndrew – Old West Church; Joe Magnon (1.5 of 4)

Additions to agenda – None

Called to order at 5:03 PM

(The purpose of this meeting was to take a visual inventory of the work done and needed at the various Calais Cemeteries. We visited Old West Church, Robinson, Fairview and Janes Cemeteries and will schedule a subsequent date to visit the remaining sites. Laura Dailey)

Old West Church Site –

Commission met with Barbara McAndrew, of the Old West Church board. Some of the wood on the fence has fallen and been gathered in a pile at the neighbors. There are some boards standing in disrepair. We discussed the plan for fence replacement that John McCullough and Joe have been working on which involves drilling into the ledge in the ground and setting anchors to secure the fence very long term. The costs were also discussed, and Barbara will be talking to the board of Old West Church. Barbara will send Juanita a schedule of events at the church so we can take that into consideration when planning the work schedule. Juanita and Joe will follow up with financial information about the costs of replacement, and what OWC board has agreed to contribute.

Robinson Site – Reed discussed the work he had been doing on the roadside and fence line areas with trimming trees and cutting brush and cleaning up. He also discussed what he would like to see as part of the regular upkeep, including cutting along the fence line on the Fitch land side one pass, to keep the fence clear and the grass off it. Reed also mentioned that the vault needs to be kept clear on top due to the roof being lead. We observed some brushy stuff obstructing several stones that need to be removed, several bushes that need to be trimmed. There was also a dead-looking tree in front of the fence on the top corner that may need to be looked at. The new fence is in and will be painted after it's been weathered enough. (Shari departed at this time.)

Fairview – On the right side the hedges were trimmed last season and look great still. The fence and grounds, and stone all appeared to be in great order. On the left side, the entire fence along the back side is in various states of disrepair. It will need to be considered for replacement in the near future. Some of the stones could be considered for cleaning and repair. The hedges on the left will be trimmed this year. We also discussed the possibility of an adjacent parcel of land thought to be about 11 acres, that could be considered to expand the site in the future.

We also discussed connecting with Don Hawkins again about the unfinished business with the mowing of the Bliss section from previous years.

(Joe arrived at the conclusion of this visit and went to Janes with the group.)

Janes Cemetery – We viewed the site; it is all in great repair. There is a flagpole on the back side that has peeling paint and no flag. Laura asked about sanding it, painting it, and getting a new flag for the site. We can discuss it further at the next meeting.

Sage made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

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