

Town of Calais Cemetery Commission Minutes

Commission Members Present: Juanita Nunn; Laura Dailey; Shari Fitch; Joe Mangan-Sexton

Not in Attendance: Michael Fullerton; Randy Koch

Members of the Public: Sage Kennedy

Juanita Nunn Called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Approve Minutes from last month's meeting: Minutes approved with no changes.

Sextons report – Joe talked to Neal Maker the tree warden about the tree in Robinson Cemetery. Shari, Juanita and Joe looked at the tree separately as well. Neal suggested leaving it and trimming the dead branches out. We will have to publicly post when we are cutting a tree that is in a public space and have adequate time for comment. If we want to go ahead and prune the dead, Neal may be willing to post it for us. Joe will get prices for pruning for us.

Sold a couple more lots in the green burial section so he had to expand again. We need to buy trees, we need to get it in the budget. Joe is going to check with Jennifer about ordering trees. There is less watering if the trees are planted in the fall. Joe estimates around 200' of space is left in the green burial section. Mowing was also discussed in that section. We previously had the discussion about what to plant there, and Nel Emlen is going to come up with a list of things. Joe suggested leaving the plants alone and letting people tend to them unless its obvious that no one is caring for it.

There was a tree in Bliss section in Fairview, and it came down. Alfie and Peter (road crew) both happened upon it and cleared it from the road. There is someone who asked for the wood that should be picking it up.

Juanita got a request to paint the 4x4 posts that hold the signs white at Fairview. There is a stone in Ainsworth with brush growing all around it, so Juanita asked about having that trimmed.

Painting of Fence in Ainsworth from Sage Kennedy – Sage came to discuss painting the fence. 8 years ago, there was a group of people that painted the wooden fence there, including their family. The Kennedy family helped do the Old West Church fence as well. Sage would like to wash and paint that fence again; she did ask about it 14 months ago. Right now, it's just the front that is wooden. They thought 3 gallons of paint, Joe agreed. Laura made a motion to accept her offer and reimburse her for the supplies. Juanita seconded it. Motion approved.

Bliss Trust – We need follow through, we need a letter to them saying we will accept their offer of \$2500 and we need to make it clear whether Don Hawkins and his sister are taking care of mowing from this point forward. Juanita asked Laura to do a draft letter to them and will send her a copy of an old letter with format, names, and addresses.

Old West Church and Robinson Fence - We need to get going on this, FY starts 7/1/22, we will have some funds, and there will be some funds from the grants as well. Juanita will contact John and see if it can be started.

Plot Price Reviews – Indigent persons plots were discussed; the VT handbook has a section for providing lots for paupers. It also advises that you could add a stone or marker if it hasn't been done in 3 years. Juanita will look for the donated plots, Laura suggested some of the green sites for indigent folks too, and will ask around about how other towns do this. Plot prices, keep them at a resident and non-resident rate. Joe said the green burial site is very coveted, he thinks it's going to sell quickly. We decided to leave it as it is. Joe will contact the requestor and let him know we are unable to adjust it.

Information Packet update – There has been no updates or changes to this. Will connect with Jeremy about the format we want etc.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held in person at the Calais Town Hall on 7/27/2022 from 7-9 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn – 7:56 Shari made a motion to adjourn. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

-Unapproved-
