

Belmont Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2023

Sharon Ciampi -Chair

Kyle Dodge

Hillary Horn

Norma Patten - Alternate

Karen Santoro – Town Planner

Rod Cameron – Land Use tech

Call to order: 12:00pm

Public Notice: The cemeteries we don't own are on our maintenance list. The public notice is for posting to deem them as neglected or abandoned. It was approved for posting at the last meeting. Since then, TA Jipson has voiced some concerns about it and requested a meeting with us to discuss if further. We have a meeting scheduled with the selectboard for August 23rd. Some concerns are what the cost to the town will be, and will we need a surveyor and have the tax map redone.

Land use came to the meeting to discuss some of these issues. They it's like buying any piece of property. There would not necessarily need to be a surveyor contacted. Some of them have their own tax ID number. There is also the option of Adverse possession, which means after a certain number of years maintaining something so everyone knows its being maintained by you, it becomes yours by default. Going into the selectman's meeting with a clear and concise plan would be the best thing to do.

Budget/CIP Request:

The CIP project: Sharon would like to request funds to replace the cemetery signs. They were painted several years ago and because they were not sealed, they are starting to look a little worn. The minimum for a CIP request is \$25,000. Hillary will fill out the documentation for the CIP Request and return it to the town planner.

Kyle makes a motion to accept the following amounts: 22,600 for our proposed operating budget to include the CIP request for \$25,000 earmarked for signs and \$10,000 for the capital improvement fund. Hillary seconded all in favor.

Financial: There is \$11,219.78 left in this year's operating budget before the last 2 payments of the maintenance contract.

New Business:

Sharon got a letter in the mail from the American Legion Post 58. Along with the letter is a \$200 gift card to staples. This letter was to thank her for her efforts and contributions involved with the Wreaths Across America project. She is trying to figure out if it is a gift for her specifically or the whole group. If for the whole group and spend it at staples for ink or paper. Sharon will leave it up to the group to figure out who it is meant for. If it is determined that it's for her specifically, she will donate it to another cause within the town of Belmont.

Maintenance storm clean proposal:

Community helpers have a proposal for debris removal from Hadley Cemetery as well as some erosion repair at Folsom Cemetery. The total amount of the proposal is \$135.00. Sharon and Hillary are recusing themselves from the vote.

Norma makes a motion to accept the proposal Kyle seconded, all in favor.

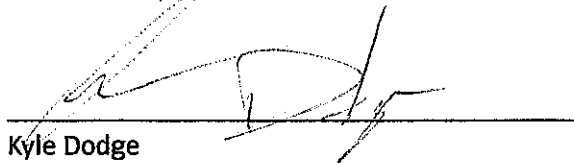
Sharon is requesting reimbursement for the \$229 paid by her to renew the ancestry membership.

Hillary makes a motion to adjourn the meeting Kyle seconded all in favor.

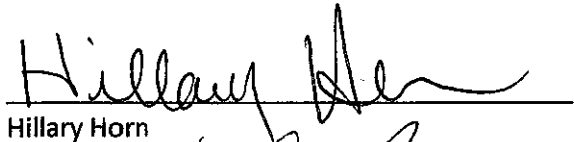
Adjourned: 1:27pm



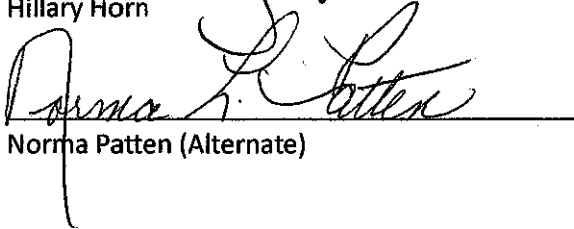
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Norma Patten (Alternate)

Kevin Sturgeon (Alternate)