

Town of Belmont Cemetery Trustees
Meeting
March 22, 2024, 6pm @ the Mill

Attendees:

Hillary Horn

Kyle Dodge

Kevin Sturgeon – Alternate

Norma Patten – Alternate

Sharon Ciampi – Patron/Selectman

Fred Wells - Absent

Call to order: 5:58 pm

Kyle motioned to allow for our alternates Norma and Kevin to have voting rights for this meeting, Hillary seconded, all in favor.

Hillary made a motion to accept the minutes from March 1, Kyle seconded, All in favor.

Board Nominations:

Kevin motions to appoint Hillary as the Chair, Kyle seconded, all in favor.

Norma motions to appoint Kyle as vice-chair, Kyle seconded, all in favor.

Due to the absence of our new member, Hillary will resume the secretarial duties for the time being.

Maintenance:

The addition of Ladd Hill Cemetery will add \$600 to the 2024 maintenance contract making the total for the year \$17,500. The additional funds will be split between the 4 payments making the quarterly payout \$4,375. The first check will go out on or around April 14th. Kyle makes a motion to accept the 2024 maintenance contract revision, adding the \$600 for Ladd Hill. Norma seconded, all in favor. Hillary abstained from the discussion and vote.

Budget:

The voters in Belmont voted no on the 2024 operating budget for the town which means the cemetery will revert to its default budget from 2023 which is \$21,000. The town has asked that all municipalities make budget cuts to help make up the deficit. Hillary will have a discussion with TA Jipson to see if there are any recommendations. We could conceivably use some money from the Capital reserve to help with maintenance costs. Should know more by the next meeting. We have spent \$336 so far of our 2024 operating budget.

At the end of 2023 there was \$1,505.32 remaining in the operating budget. There is currently around \$33,000 in the capital reserve account and we were approved for an additional \$5,000 for 2024.

The goal for Wreaths Across America has been reached for the 2024 season! Great work all!

The NHCA dues are due for 2024. Kyle and Hillary would like to renew their memberships. Sharon, even though she is no longer a trustee, would like to renew her membership as well. Which we are okay with. Since Fred was not present, he was not presented with the option to activate his membership.

Kyle made a motion to pay approve the NHCA dues for himself, Hillary, and Sharon. Hillary seconded, all in favor.

The document has been signed for approval and Hillary will drop it off to Stephen at the financial office in town hall.


We are trying to see if the cemetery received any payment towards the FEMA application.

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


Meeting adjourned: 7:01pm



Hillary Horn (Chair)



Kyle Dodge (Vice Chair)



Kevin Sturgeon (Alternate)

Noma Patten (Alternate)