

Town of Belmont Cemetery Trustees

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2024 @ 6pm 2nd floor of the Belmont Mill

Attendees:

Hillary Horn – Chair

Kyle Dodge – Vice Chair

Fred Wells

Kevin Sturgeon – Alternate

Sharon Ciampi – Patron

Call to order: 6:04pm

Kyle motioned to allow our alternate Kevin to vote during this meeting, Fred seconded the motion, all in favor.

Kevin made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 28th, Hillary seconded the motion, all in favor.

Old Business:

Church Hill Cemetery Fence: Community Helpers Landscaping said they would take the fence down. He wants to be paid to remove it but how it is disposed of is up to the trustees. He is estimating that it will take 2 8-hour days to remove the fence for 2 guys but cannot say for sure until he starts. Kevin makes a motion to allow Community Helpers Landscaping to take down 3 of the 4 sides of the fence. Leaving the fence near the abutters house intact for the time being. Removal of that section will be revisited later. Kyle seconded the motion, all in favor.

Dow Fence: Kyle said the town guys will try to begin work on removing it this year now that they know they will be getting Austin back on the team. Kyle will keep us posted on the status.

Alternates: Our alternates were approved by the Selectman on April 3rd. Norma for 1 year, Kevin for 3 years.

Other: Hillary asked TA Jipson about the FEMA payment that came into the town recently. The breakdown did include funding for the Cemetery Trustees. The total request from the trustees at the time of the application was \$3,300 which was paid out of the capital reserve back when the cleaning needed to happen. FEMA sent back a 75% share in the amount of \$2,475. TA Jipson said that money can be requested to go back into the capital reserve. Hillary emailed back asking how to go about requesting that and she hasn't heard back about it. She will reach out again to figure it out and will give an update at the next meeting.

New Business:

Stone Cleaning: Sharon would like to continue her stone cleaning efforts and asks that the board allow her the opportunity to do so.

Kevin motioned to allow Sharon to continue her project for this year. Fred seconded the motion, all in favor.

Storm Assessment: Bean Hill, Jamestown, Perkins, and Church Hill have some limbs down. Church hill has some fence damage in the back from the limb falling through it. Perkins has a limb stuck on another limb. He hopes to be able to get it down by hand. There was no stone damage in any of the cemeteries.

He estimates it will cost around \$310 for all storm cleaning. He will send an invoice when it is completed.

Veterans Stones: Hillary wants to take on a project to have Veteran stones places for all Veterans in the historical cemeteries that do not already have an easily identifiable Veteran makings/stones. She will get in touch with the Legion gentleman to see if they have any resources available to aid in getting the info needed for the applications. She will hopefully have an update by the next meeting if needed.

Other: Sharon has a suggestion to create a spreadsheet for the maintenance guy to determine how often each cemetery is mowed to help in determining how to utilize the perpetual care funds.


Fred motioned to adjourn the meeting, Kyle seconded the motion, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 7:08pm


Next meeting: Friday May 3rd @ 6pm at the Belmont Mill



Hillary Horn



Kyle Dodge



Fred Wells



Kevin Sturgeon