

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
February 1, 2018

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the town offices. In attendance were Lauren Järvi, Andy Dussault, Bryan LeBlanc, Chad Whitehead, and Nola Forbes,

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 9:00 AM.

Nola Forbes shared information she had gotten from Peggy Pearl at the St J History and Heritage Center re the use of Centervale for the community we now refer to as St Johnsbury Center. A discussion followed about the use of that name for the town owned cemetery located at the corner of Breezy Hill Road that continued later in the agenda.

Bryan moved to approve the minutes for the Jan 4 meeting. Andy seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. I see that the call to order time is incorrect and have changed it from 9:03 to 8:03.

The warrant was approved and signed.

Chad presented the three bids received for mowing and general maintenance on the Grove Cemetery. Justin Amidon bid \$650 weekly, Little Acres bid \$14,000, or a three year contract for \$42,000 and Richard Benoit bid \$11,220. Chad had looked into references for Mr. Benoit; his research was positive. Bryan moved to accept the bid from Mr. Benoit, seconded by Andy. Unanimously approved.

Andy moved to authorize Chad to draw up a contract on behalf of the Cemetery Commission. Seconded by Bryan, unanimously approved.

Per Chad the town will continue to provide mowing and maintenance on the smaller town owned cemeteries, the Ayer-Hawkins and St J Center one. A small amount has been included in the Parks and Recreation budget for the coming fiscal year that will be available as needed, pending approval at town Meeting next month.

The discussion continued on the name for the cemetery in St J Center. Andy has done considerable research and is now proposing we consider adopting the name Center Village Burying Yard. We'll continue that discussion at our next meeting and plan to vote on it.

Our next meeting will be on May 3.

Andy moved to adjourn at 9:08. Seconded by Bryan. Unanimously approved.