St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission May 16, 2019

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the town offices. In attendance were Lauren Järvi, Andy Dussault, Bryan LeBlanc and Nelson Dodge.

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:00 AM.

Nelson Dodge expressed interest in the position of sexton combined with the mowing and maintenance job. We've contracted with Probation & Parolee for mowing this year. The contract will be up for renewal on April 1, 2020.

Bryan moved to approve the minutes for the February 7, April 18 and April 27 meetings. Andy seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

There was no warrant.

We discussed the CVBY work day on June 22. Bryan offered to set some stones upright ,and to contact Tom Giffen re details. Lauren will do a press release and all will work on getting volunteers to help out that day.

We discussed the sexton position. Lauren will create an ad and work on editing the job description provided by Chad. Our next meeting will hopefully have us making a decision on the position. It was agreed we are not hiring an employee. The position will be that of an independent contractor.

Andy moved to reimburse Lauren for the fees to attend the VCA meeting in Montpelier earlier this month. Brian seconded. The motion passed. There was a brief discussion of some of the topics covered at the VCA meeting.

We discussed the process for establishing bylaws/policies. Andy suggested Bryan make a pass at a first draft and that we talk about it at a subsequent meeting. Lauren suggested an alternative approach would be for us all to make a list of items that were of particular interest to us, along with any items from other versions from other towns that we have no interest in including. We'll continue the discussion.

Stacy dropped in to tell us the flag pole at the Grove needs attention, the rope in particular. Lauren will contact Mark at P&P to see if this is something they can take care of for us.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 9:19. Seconded by Andy. Unanimously approved.

Lauren Järvi