

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission  
May 11, 2023

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the Welcome Center. In attendance were Bryan LeBlanc, Tim Clouatre, Lauren Järvi and Chad Whitehead.

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:01 AM.

Bryan moved to approve the minutes for the January 12 and April 20, 2023 meetings. Tim seconded the motion which was approved by B & T.

Our attention turned to the Grove Cemetery. The gate is now open for the season. The flagpole needs new hardware in order for a flag to be raised. Chad will make sure this happens, soon, in advance of Memorial Day when the new flag is expected to be there, donated by a local veterans organization.

Bryan reported that the Sophomore Day of STJA students went well, with two classes participating. Some monuments were cleaned and others straightened. They indicated they'd like to make it an annual event and Bryan has agreed to continue to be the point person for this. Bryan moved to authorize \$7500 for cleaning of the monuments at Grove by Anair Memorials. This is the quote provided by them last fall and would come from the specific Grove Cemetery funds. Seconded by Tim. Approved by B & T. Tim will make arrangement with Steve Lowrey and also get details on their providing monument straightening and repair that we'll consider at our next meeting.

Bryan also made renewed reference to the concern over the attention to detail, or lack thereof, by the summer mowers, particularly at the Grove. Chad said he will get with Larry to relay the serious matter that the condition of the monuments must be respected, and shortcuts should not be made as they can, and have, caused damage in some cases in prior years.

We discussed the sexton position and the applications received. Rachel has provided us with the resumes, four to date. We agreed that one candidate looked most promising and Chad will arrange for Rachel to set up an interview with her soon.

Lauren will touch base once again with Shane Clark at Truline re the mapping details at CVBY and Ayer-Hawkins. This has been on our agenda for a very long time. We're optimistic that the project can be completed soon.

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41, seconded by Bryan. Approved by T & B.

Our next meeting will be on June 1.