

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
July 6, 2023

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

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

Mr. Creaser alerted us to a failing fence situation on the SE section of the Grove Cemetery, adjacent to his family plot. He's concerned that items from the neighboring property may be migrating over into the Cemetery. We agreed to take a look and see if repairs/replacement is needed. Tim offered to take a drive out and review.

Tim moved to approve the minutes for the May 11 meeting. Lauren seconded the motion which was approved by T & L.

Chad assured us that Larry has discussed with the summer mowing crew the importance of respect when mowing near the monuments, particularly at the Grove. This had been brought to our attention by Steve Lowrey as he was doing the cleaning recently and observed some damaged stones. Steve is also set to spend a week doing monument straightening and repair this summer, followed by another week next summer.

We discussed the meeting Lauren attended of the St Johnsbury Center Cemetery Assn last month. There's been no further communication re their plans or status. Lauren will follow up with Laura.

Lauren spoke about an email from Sheila Brown of Barre whose recently deceased dad (James Houston) had a headstone at the Grove Cemetery, next to her deceased mom (Madeline Houston). His final wishes were to be buried with other family in Cabot, hence no need for the headstone. Lauren will notify her re our bylaws that the sexton must be notified when any work is to be done in the cemetery.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 8:40. Seconded by Tim, approved by B & L

Our next meeting will be on August 10.