

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission  
December 14,, 2023

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

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:02 AM.

Tim moved to approve the minutes for the November 9 meeting. Bryan seconded the motion which was approved by T & B.

We understand that the ad which ran in the Cal Rec on 11/20 for the St Johnsbury Center Cemetery notice to Convey Real Estate provides for a period ending December 23 during which time a petition can be presented signed by 5% of the legal voters objecting to this action. If none is presented then the Select Board will consider the assumption of the SJCC and Chad will proceed with the legalities, including a deed of transfer for the real estate, and Stacy will see about getting bank and investment accounts transferred to the Town.

Karen provided results of her research into Lot fees, etc. for other local cemeteries. She'll put this data into a spreadsheet and we can consider if we want to update our fee schedule this winter, particularly in light of adding the SJCC to our town owned cemeteries. She also reported that the gate at the Grove needs attention, and that it is closed for the season. We briefly discussed how we want to approach the matter of family displays of decorations, etc around gravestones. Karen expressed a preference to tighten up our practices in this area to allow for more efficient mowing.

We agreed that continuing with the budget at \$28,650, where it's been for the last two years should be adequate, even adding the SJCC mowing and maintenance, and more hours for out Sexton.

Tim moved to adjourn at 8:56. Seconded by Bryan, approved by T & B

Our next meeting will be on January 11