

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
January 11, 2024

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

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:04 AM.

Tim moved to approve the minutes for the December 14 meeting. Lauren seconded the motion which was approved by T & L.

Progress to transfer the St Johnsbury Center Cemetery to the town continues. On Monday, January 8 the Select Board agreed to authorize Chad to take any necessary steps to move forward with the acquisition. Jamie Murphy, Esq. has begun working on the deed and other pieces of this project. We hope to have the transfer complete well before spring.

Karen is working on coordinating the lot map and burial records at Grove. Once completed it will be a working record as additional lots are sold and burials happen.

We reviewed the details Karen provided re lot pricing and burial fees at other local cemeteries. Tim and Lauren concluded that adding \$50 to each fee is appropriate. As Bryan was not in attendance we decided to postpone any official action till next month. Current fees are in effect until we vote on the update. The spreadsheet Karen created was most helpful in our discussion.

Tim volunteered to do some research on private property burials in Vermont. Karen is interested in our considering the possibility of offering Green Burials at the Grove. This is the first time these burial options have been brought up; we'll look at our options in future meetings.

Karen will pursue having work done on the gate at the Grove. It needs to be repaired, and could be moved back into the property somewhat for easier access.

We moved into the vault and located the map that Truline had done for us several years ago. Karen found this to be a valuable piece for her continued work referenced above.

Tim moved to adjourn at 8:48. Seconded by Lauren, approved by T & L

Our next meeting will be on February 8