

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
May 3, 2018

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the town offices. In attendance were Lauren Järvi, Andy Dussault, Bryan LeBlanc, Chad Whitehead, Nola Forbes, Steven and Helen Robertson, and Mark Harpin,

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

Bryan moved to approve the minutes for the Feb 1 meeting. Andy seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

The warrant was approved and signed.

An informal discussion with the Robertson's followed. They own the Sayles Funeral Home in St Johnsbury.

Andy moved to formally name the St Johnsbury town owned cemetery located on Breezy Hill Road in St J Center as the Center Village Burying Yard. Seconded by Bryan. Andy did considerable research through old town records and found many references to the cemetery being called some variation on that name. It was unanimously approved. Andy will look into having a sign made.

Andy moved to approve the purchase of planks and related supplies to repair the fence at the Ayer-Hawkins Cemetery. It sustained damage from branches that fell down over the winter. Ken and Bev Robinson, neighbors, have offered to assist in the project. Seconded by Bryan. Unanimously approved.

Bryan moved to have Chad see if the neighbor to the Grove Cemetery is willing to open and close the gate as was done last year. Seconded by Lauren. Bryan and Lauren voted in favor. Andy opposed.

Lauren provided a summary of the meeting of the VT Cemetery Assn which she attended on May 2. Andy moved that we join the Old Cemetery Assn. This will allow us to apply for one of their grants to help with the costs of repairing and cleaning some of the old and poorly maintained stones in some of our cemeteries. This discussion will be continued at our next meeting.

Andy also moved, seconded by Bryan to reimburse Lauren for the cost of attending the meeting including mileage. Approved unanimously.

Our next meeting will be on June 14.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 9:14. Seconded by Andy. Unanimously approved.