

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
July 11, 2019

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the town offices. In attendance were Lauren Järvi, Andy Dussault, Bryan LeBlanc, Chad Whitehead and Roger Brown.

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:00 AM.

Bryan moved to approve the minutes for the June 6 meeting. Andy seconded the motion which was approved by A & B.

The warrant was signed.

We discussed the CVBY work day on June 22. We're generally pleased with the turnout and the results of our workday. We'll continue to work on monument repair, resetting and cleaning. Andy and Lauren will check with a couple of folks re tree removal, in particular the large pines.

We discussed the sexton position. We received no bids for the position. In the absence of any solid inquiries we'll continue as in the past. Roger suggested a couple of folks who might be interested. Lauren will follow up and make inquiries to them.

Andy moved to charge Roger Brown \$50 for the family burial fee. He did the site work himself, and will see to it that the Burial Permit is submitted as required. Seconded by Bryn. Approved by A & B.

We discussed the process of requesting that the Select Board transfer the \$15,150 that was approved in March at Town Meeting for the Cemetery Commission expenses. It's currently in a reserve account. We'll request that they release it so that we can use it for ongoing expenses. Lauren presented a draft budget to reflect same and plans to attend the next Select Board meeting on 7/22.

Lauren moved to have both Andy and Bryan become members of VOCA. Seconded by Andy. The fee is \$40 for each for a five year membership. Since they provided labor and training for our CVBY workday it seems like we've already benefited from our connection with VOCA. Lauren will also look into any grants they may have available to support further restoration work at our cemeteries. Unanimously approved.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 9:19. Seconded by Andy. Approved by A & B.

We repaired to the CVBY to review the work accomplished to date.

Lauren Järvi