

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission  
April 23, 2020

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met via Zoom. In attendance were Lauren Järvi, Bryan LeBlanc, Tim Clouatre, and Chad Whitehead.

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

Bryan moved to approve the minutes for the February 6 meeting. Bryan seconded the motion which was approved by B & T.

We discussed the two possible spring burials at the Grove. To date we've had no confirmation that either will happen. They are from non-local funeral homes. Existing rules for restrictions on number of people and distancing must be followed.

Chad confirmed that no member of the Town Public works Dept. is interested in functioning as our Sexton. For the time being he, Chad, will continue in that role. Lauren suggested she can assume the recordkeeping role that follows the actual burial. She has been working in the vault to organize and coordinate the records that came to us when we assume the Grove Cemetery, and for those burials since. Both Tim and Bryan expressed interest in working with Chad to learn the details of the on-site cemetery work in connection with a burial.

We agreed to get a few more quotes for removal of the large pines at the CVBY this summer. In addition there is a large Maple tree that Bryan recommends also be removed. We hope to hear back from VOCA on our grant application next month. This could provide up to \$750 to help with that project. We also discussed the two large pines in the Ayer-Hawkins Cemetery. They too have been shedding branches this spring. A project for another year. Lauren will check with Alexander tree Service and Bryan with Maurice Bedor. We have a current quote from TipTop.

Bryan has discussed with Dale Dublois the cemetery in St Johnsbury Center. He reports back that they are not in any hurry to pass it along to the Town.

Tim let us know his work on the bylaws is still a work in progress.

In Other Business we discussed the work day on June 27 at Ayer-Hawkins. Lauren will confirm with Nola Forbes that some of the DAR volunteers will be available. Of course this is dependent on our being allowed to do this sort of work pending approval by the Governor.

We had approved contracting with Probation and Parole to do mowing and maintenance at the Grove at an earlier meeting. Bryan moved to authorize Lauren to sign the contract with is the same as last year, \$9,500, paid monthly. Seconded by Tim. Approved by B & T. For the time being P&P are not allowed out to do this sort of work but once they have approval will begin.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 8:48. Seconded by Tim. Approved by B & T.

Lauren Järvi

Next meeting scheduled for 8AM May 14