

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission

May 14, 2020

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

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

We began with a discussion of the spring burials and our continued lack of a sexton. Tim had contacted Stephanie Wissler, who occupies that position at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in town. We went over the duties and responsibilities of the sexton, and learned from Chad that the sexton would be on the town payroll rather than an independent contractor. Tim moved to hire Stephanie pending a mutually agreeable contract. Seconded by Bryan. Approved by T&B.

We discussed our burial fee structure and agreed that it needs to be modified, particularly in light of having a sexton whose wages must be covered. Tim moved to increase the regular burial fee to \$350. This would be for a full burial or a cremation burial. In addition the Little Acres current fees would be passed on directly to the family. \$350 for a full burial with a surcharge of \$150 for a weekend or \$250 for a holiday. Seconded by Bryan. Approved by T&B.

Bryan moved to approve the minute of our April 23 meeting. Seconded by Tim. Approved by T&B.

A discussion of the offices within the Cemetery Commission left us with leaving Lauren as Chari and 'Scribe'. No action was taken.

Tim continues his work on Policies and Bylaws.

We've obtained four bids for the removal of the two pines and the dying maple in CVBY. Bryan will request that Maurice Bedor put his bid in writing. We'll likely vote to approve one of these bids at our next meeting.

The June 27 work day at Ayer-Hawkins is still planned. It's not yet clear how many people will be allowed in one place at one time due to state COVID-19 requirements. Bryan will spearhead this project as he's in possession of the cleaning and repair products we have from last year.

Lauren reported that per Mark Marsh at Probation and Parole that no approval has yet been granted for his crew to begin their clean-up and mowing at Grove.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 9:15. Seconded by Tim. Approved by B & T.

Lauren Järvi

Next meeting scheduled for 8AM June 11