

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission  
October 15, 2024

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

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:01 AM.

Mr. Smith attended as a follow-up to the conversation we had with him at our August meeting. He's now proposing purchasing  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Lot 265 at the Grove. He would disinter both of his parents, currently located at Lot 264 and reinter them at this new location. In addition he would plan to have one of three gravesites in that lot for himself, and the third as a possible location for his sister and her family at some future date as they desire. There was extensive discussion of the actual dimensions of our lots. Our Bylaws refer to individual lots being 3X10 and Mr. Smith is concerned that in fact they may be 3X9. He referenced our map of the Grove Cemetery. There is not total uniformity in the dimensions of any of our lots, at Grove or the other cemeteries we own. We'll revisit this at another meeting and may revise the Bylaws to better reflect what's available,

As he learned about the fees for this project Mr. Smith became less interested in this option and we discussed the possibility of moving the Dillon family monument to the other side of their lot, adjacent to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the parents. We agreed that this might be a better solution to his concern about the proximity of this monument to his parents actual location and their grave markers. We agreed to look into this as a possibility and will discuss with Mr. Smith at a future meeting.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from our September 5 meeting. Seconded by Lauren.  
Approved by T & L.

Karen reported that she completed the fall clean-up at SJCC and did some at the Grove. Bryan will complete that task soon. She let us know that her probe rod has reached the end of its useful life and we agreed she should replace it. She'll also buy new locks and keys for the new gates at Grove and see that the cemeteries are officially closed for the winter after Veterans Day,

Karen will also complete whatever steps are possible to record the burial of Mr. Tim Sears in the SJCC as discussed in prior meetings. Details are sparse at best on just when this happened or who was involved.

The replacement fencing at the Grove has been installed. We've had multiple comments and compliments on it. Good work MRM Fencing!

We understand that the OWL technology should be in place next month.

Tim moved to adjourn at 9:26. Seconded by Lauren. Approved by T & L

Our next meeting will be on November 14, in the Conference Room at the Town Offices