

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission
November 14, 2024

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the town conference room. In attendance were Bryan Leblanc, Tim Clouatre, Lauren Järvi, Karen Budde and Chad Whitehead.

Meeting called to order by Lauren at 8:06 AM.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from our October 15 meeting. Seconded by Lauren. Approved by T & L.

Karen reported that she is working on how best to proceed with the sale of lots at the STCC. Records we received from Dale and Laura are incomplete and there is concern that some lots were sold, but not property recorded. In an effort to not inadvertently resell a lot Lauren agreed to see about visiting Laura at the Pines where she now resides to see if she can glean any more information. In the event no further detail is available we may post a notice in the newspaper and on social media to try to clarify the matter.

Karen is also still working on obtaining any additional information regarding on the unmarked grave at the STCC. Her efforts to date have revealed some but not all of what we'd like to have to positively identify the decedent and get the grave marked and properly recorded.

Chad will follow up on obtaining a new set of locks with keys for the Grove, and a prodding road for Karen to replace the old one that is no longer usable. He'll also request that the jersey barriers at the STCC be put in place as the 'open' season for our cemeteries is now over. Finally Chad will look into what options exist to address the continued accumulation of trash at the SJCC.

Tim moved to change our bylaws to refer to lot size as approximately 3' X 9' rather than the 3' X 10' as stated originally. Our lot sizes are by no means uniform but this will more accurately reflect a more common lot size. Seconded by Bryan and approved by T & B. Tim will forward this change to Rachel to have posted on the town website.

Regarding the budget Chad will work with Lesley to clarify our surplus carryover from last year and get more details on what to expect for mowing and maintenance in the coming year. Included will be a review of the hours Karen has worked in her capacity as sexton, again for budgeting purposes.

Lauren will contact Andy Dussault re whether surveys have been done for the Ayer-Hawkins and STCC and if he can provide any information on this.

Lauren will also contact the Secretary of State to see if there are any concerns we should be aware of in the event we decide to see about proceeding with relocating the Dillon monument at the Grove.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 9:07. Seconded by Lauren. Approved by B & L

Our next meeting will be on December 12