

St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission  
May 14, 2024

The St. Johnsbury Cemetery Commission met at the St Johnsbury Center Cemetery. In attendance were Bryan LeBlanc, Tim Clouatre, Lauren Järvi, Karen Budde, and Darrell Gervais.

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

Darrell spoke about placing American flags on the graves of veterans. He agreed to follow up on this with the American Legion as they have provided them in the past. Bryan will contact Nola re the Grove. We're not altogether certain who has taken care of this in the past.

Tim moved to approve the minutes from our January and April meetings. Seconded by Lauren. Approved by T & L.

We discussed the newly acquired St Johnsbury Center Cemetery and later in the meeting took a tour where we confirmed that there will be a lot of maintenance and cleanup work to be done, including removal of some of the hydrangeas that are broken and well past their prime.

Karen reported that Weaver is no longer doing excavations for us and we are hiring Joe Mangan to do the work. His fee is \$850 per excavation including backfill.

Karen is also working with Mark Smith who has concerns about the details of his family lot at the Grove. She is following up on this with Roger Brown who likely sold the lot to his parents.

Finally Karen will compile a list of monuments that need to be returned to their upright position at all of the cemeteries. We'll see about making arrangements with Anair to have this done later in the summer/fall.

Tim contacted MRM Fencing re a quote on the gate at the Grove. He also got an informal quote from Anair to clean the monuments at the SJCC of \$8,000. We have not set this work up yet, pending mowing and other maintenance.

Information from Staci included that the DWS investment account has been fully transferred to the town, and that Caledonia Life Services has purchased a lot at the Mt Pleasant Cemetery for the unclaimed cremated remains that they have.

Lauren spoke about the presentation on Natural Burials she attended last month in Peacham. We've not had any specific requests for this here but there appears to be some interest in exploring further.

Bryan moved to adjourn at 8:45. Seconded by Tim. Approved by B & T

Our next meeting will be on June 13 at the STCC, weather permitting.