

Waterbury Cemetery Commission

January 5, 2022, 4 pm

Steele Room (Municipal complex)

Present: Jan Gendreau, Jill Chase, Barbara Walton, Amy Kinsell, John Woodruff and Bill Shepeluk, Town Manager

Minutes of December 1, 2021, approved

Bill Shepeluk, Town Manager

1. Budget - End of 2021 year cemetery budget expenditures will be about \$61,000 – \$62,000. Discussed the 2022 budget. Bill added into the revenue side of \$15,000 from the general fund. Anticipates the upcoming proposed 2022 budget to be 90,920. Motion to accept the proposed 2022 Cemetery budget was made by John Woodruff. **It was voted on and unanimously passed.**
2. Insurance Update for the Rte. 100 Cemetery stone repairs
Bill submitted quotes from the Vermont Monument Company to the insurance company. He is optimistic that they will out.
3. Committee discussed with Bill the possibility of hiring a part- time or full-time employee to help with cemetery upkeep. Bill mentioned that the cemetery commission could hire a cemetery employee but need to continue to evaluate the needs and go from there.

Loomis Hill Cemetery

1. Barbara sent a letter to Mr. Emert about the monthly meeting schedule and to let us know when he wants to attend. The topic would be his concerns about the directional signage for Loomis Hill.

Ames Estate Donation

1. The Florilla Ames Estate donation has been received at the Town Office and committee needs to think of ideas on how to spend the money in the Maple Street Cemetery.

Highlander Property Services

1. Highlander was not able to meet some committee members at Hope Cemetery on Wednesday, Jan 5th to evaluate the brush clean up around the cemetery. Another meeting will be scheduled with Highlander and committee members will be notified so they can attend the walk around.

Green Burial and By- law Discussion

1. Committee has begun to discuss the pros and cons of “green burials.” John mentioned Roxbury has already designated for that purpose., but it’s not up and running yet.
2. Do we want to consider changing the by-laws requiring a vault for individual burials?
3. We will continue to discuss this topic and obtain more knowledge on both green burials and a possible change of the by-laws for individual vaults.

Lot and Opening Grave Costs

1. Committee will not increase fees for lots and opening graves at this time.

Assignments for Feb 2022 Meeting

1. Barbara to connect with Highlander about a meeting to evaluate perimeters of Hope Cemetery.
2. Continue research and discussion on “green burials” and possible by- law change for individual vaults.

Next Meeting: February 2, 2022, 4 pm
Steele Room

Respectfully,

Barbara Walton