

Minutes of the Town of Lee Cemetery Trustees

September 22, 2021

Cemetery Trustees present: Peter Hoyt, Chairman, Donna Eisenhard, Bookkeeper and Jeff Liporto.

Others present: None

1. Chairman Hoyt called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Minutes of the May 20, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. Chairman Hoyt reported that regarding the recent tree removal at the Davis Fund Private Trust Cemetery, \$2000 was taken from the cemetery budget. He also stated the fence needs to have a gate installed so the riding mower can get in. He said he will make a gate, remove a section of fence there and install the new gate.
4. Chairman Hoyt said there is a Lee Hill Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Fund with \$1,161.66 in it which the Trustees of Trust Funds recommend be closed and this amount be used toward the tree removal costs. A copy of Mr. Hoyt's letter to the Trust Fund Trustees and a copy of the bill from Orion Tree Service indicating total costs for tree removal from Davis Fund Private Trust, Lee Hill Cemetery and two trees on a Town road become a permanent part of these minutes.
5. Chairman Hoyt informed those present the Thompson stone in the Davis Fund Private Trust cemetery was knocked over when a large tree limb broke from the removed tree and Pelczar Memorials would be replacing the base so this stone could be made upright. The cost for this would come from the cemetery budget.
6. Chairman Hoyt reported two of the large trash barrels at Lee Hill Cemetery have cracks in their tops which allow water to collect in the bags inside. He said tops can be purchased separately to replace the cracked ones thus negating replacing the whole barrel. He said he will order the tops.
7. Mr. Liporto updated the Trustees regarding his being contacted by an individual about "green burials" who had also provided information on how this manner of burial works. "Green burials" are when a body is placed in the ground with absolutely no covering, just the body and left to nature. After discussion, the Trustees again agreed to disallow this method at Lee Hill Cemetery at the present time and adhere to our Rules & Regulations which state "all burials must be in vaults or non-biodegradable containers." He said two people were now involved in this same request and he had responded promptly to both parties and retained the emails involved in this matter.
8. The Trustees then discussed the Cemetery Budget whose hearing with them, the Select Board and the Advisory Budget Committee is scheduled for October 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Safety Complex. After discussion, the new budget totaled \$7800, an increase from the former budget of \$7000 or about 11%. All the Trustees agreed to be at the hearing.
9. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Minutes recorded by,



Donna Eisenhard, Bookkeeper

Minutes accepted by:

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Peter Hoyt, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna F. Eisenhard", written over a horizontal line.

Donna Eisenhard, Bookkeeper

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Liporto", written over a horizontal line.

Jeff Liporto

A handwritten date in black ink, "October 20, 2021", written over a horizontal line.

Date