Minutes of the Town of Lee Cemetery Trustees

June 14, 2022

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

Others present: None

- 1. Mr. Liporto apologized for missing the veteran flag installation at Private Trust Cemeteries. He stated he had written the wrong date on his calendar.
- 2. Minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- 3. Mrs. Eisenhard presented a notice she had written for review regarding the recent mischief at Lee Hill Cemetery. She asked if the notice could be placed in the Town Crier. Mr. Liporto asked if Police Chief Dronsfield had been appraised of this matter. Mrs. Eisenhard said he had not. Mr. Liporto added The Lee Police have been informed regarding this matter and were asked to keep watch on their regular patrols. He said he would contact Chief Dronsfield and asked that insertion be withheld until he conferred with him and got back to Mrs. Eisenhard.
- 4. Chairman Hoyt presented a bill for \$441.00 for the new trash can with lid and extra lid to replace the cracked one on another trash. After review, motion was made and approved to pay this bill.
- 5. Chairman Hoyt stated he received an estimate for the removal of four Tamarack trees s along the front fence and two others within Lee Hill Cemetery in the amount of \$5500. He said all trees are in advanced stages of decay and need to be removed before damage is done to the fence and adjoining stones. He said \$3000 would come from the Highway Department budget and \$2500 from the Cemetery budget. Monies to be encumbered from this budget cycle and the rest from next year's budget. The Trustees agreed to proceed with removal.
- 6. Chairman Hoyt informed those present that a truck backed into the Old Parish Cemetery fence and bent the top and middle rails in one section. He said repairs were done by the Highway Department.
- 7. Mrs. Eisenhard stated the Town of Lee Trails Committee had volunteered to rake and remove brush from the abandoned cemetery behind the library. They also said they would replace any missing rails on the fence. Mrs. Eisenhard asked if they have any funds for purchasing the rails. If not, would the Trustees be willing to reimburse them for the cost. Mr. Liporto said he had been contacted about this cemetery as well. Chairman Hoyt said regarding the brush, anything bigger than four inches the Highway Department would take care of. Mr. Liporto said he would meet with the Trails Committee and get back to the Mr. Hoyt about this matter.
- 8. Mrs. Eisenhard brought up the matter of extraneous plantings running wild on certain plots and noted several she had listed. One planting has completely engulfed the stone of one plot. Chairman Hoyt and Mr. Liporto agreed to meet at the cemetery and review the areas noted to determine what needs to be trimmed and what does not.
- 9. Chairman Hoyt said he recently met with the Select Board and informed them prices of graves and burials need to be adjusted at Lee Hill Cemetery to deal with rising costs. The cost of a single grave (40" by 10") needs to be raised from \$400 per grave to \$500. Cremation burials need to increase from \$200 weekdays and \$300 weekends to \$300 weekdays and \$500 weekends. Full burials need to increase from \$800 weekdays, \$850 for Saturdays and \$1000 for

Sundays to \$1000 for weekdays, \$1200 for Saturdays and \$1500 for Sundays. The Trustees will also provide cremation vaults, if needed, at what it costs the Town. Prices to become effective January 1, 2023. He said he would be meeting again with the Select Board for approval.

10. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Minutes accepted by:
Peter Hoyt, Chairman
Donna Eisenhard, Bookkeeper
Jeff Liporto
Aug 10, 2622