

Cemetery Trustee Minutes 10/20/21

Meeting opened at 10:00 AM. Members present: Bill Keyser, Jim Reed, Beth Frost and alternate, Cheri Swenson.

Elita Reed also attended our meeting, bringing copies of our budget expenditure detail and explained it to us. We have \$4,323 left to spend less \$950 for secretary & sexton at the end of year, or \$3,373. When the trustees get checks for cornerstones, that money is turned over to the town and goes into revenue. When the bill for stones is paid, then it comes off our budget. This money has to go thru the town. Bill explained to her that the trustees/town need to buy several cornerstones for lots that were sold several years ago without charging for the stones (in other words the town was responsible for them). The stones were never purchased. Therefore, the trustees need to purchase 20 sets of 4 cornerstones because the Town is responsible for them. We are including \$3,200.00 in our 2022 budget. Elita said we should submit a list of those lots with the budget. Bill has a list.

A big tree needed to be taken down in the Bachelder Cemetery. It was in danger of falling & breaking stones. Loggers in the area cut it down for us. (Chuck Rose's son); they only charged us \$185. A neighbor cut it up & cleared it away. Bill told him to keep the wood. We need a bill to give the town so that we can pay them..

John Champagne returned the \$2,800 that we had paid him for getting water in Lakeside Cemetery on July 19, 2021, based on his invoice of 7/26/21. The job was never finished because they could not get any water. Tony French, who had installed a pump and fittings there never got paid. We need to figure out how much is owed to him for that so we can pay him.

Minutes from our September meeting were looked over. Jim made a motion to accept them and Cheri seconded. All in favor.

Cemetery Signs:

Bill got a quote from a business in Franklin on Green Street, New School Vinyl. We need three signs 32x16. This business quoted Bill \$40 for each sign. They are made on PVC board and wrapped with vinyl. Bill asked permission to take one of our current signs to this place to show them what we want. Jim said he will help Bill after our meeting today get a sign down to take. We will need to paint the posts.

Stone Repair:

Bill asked our stone repairman about the two big stones in the cemetery behind the church. He will come take a look and give us an estimate to do those along with the others we have already contracted with him to do. He will get back to Bill.

Bill got a phone call from a man named Richard Duckoff. He is looking for a grave for Mason Moulton, who died in 1900. Mr. Duckoff wanted us to look it up. Bill told him it wasn't easy to do. Cheri will ask Dana if he can do this.

Other Budget Items:

- 1) We need to have the hedge trimmed at Proctor Cemetery. This is done every 3 years. Some discussion took place about whether we should eliminate the hedge and put up a fence. For now, we need the hedge trimmed. We need to contract with someone this fall so it will get done in the spring. We should budget \$1,200 for this.
- 2) Water at Lakeside: Someone suggested we have a well dug.; put it out for bids. We should budget \$5,000 for this.. Cheri questioned whether we really need water there. Why not tell people to bring their own water as it is going to be too costly to provide water? Good question. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Our proposed budget for next year comes to \$32,164.

Motion to adjourn made by Bill and seconded by Jim. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth E Frost, Sec'y