

Stowe Cemetery Commission Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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A meeting of the Stowe Cemetery Commission was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 via Zoom hybrid starting at 8:30 am. Members present: Judy Smith, Claire “Skeeter” Austin, Nancy Lavanway, Gail Kaiser, Christine Kaiser Absent: Donna Adams, Janet Godin

Superintendent’s Report

Judy reported that David would be closing the Cemeteries until further notice awaiting frost and snow melt. Judy said this should be posted on the website and in the newspaper.

Minutes

Judy asked for review of the minutes of February 18, 2025. Minutes were approved with minor changes on a motion by Gail, seconded by Christine.

Treasurer’s Report

Skeeter reviewed her report for February. Skeeter said for future discussion purposes there is \$74,894 in income to work around in terms of beautification projects.

On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Christine, the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Review of Harry Shepard’s report regarding bridge repair/secondary access

In a report from Harry Shepard he noted that a contract has been approved for bridge construction starting this Spring with completion before May 1, 2025 or no later than end of May. There was discussion of access through Eric Adams property now and the possibility of a more permanent secondary access in the future. In his comments, Harry suggested that the Commission initiate discussion with both the Planning Commission and Conservation Commission since they are working on updates to the Mayo Farm Master Plan.

Review Heritage Contracts

Heritage contract #6692 in the amount of \$7255 for labor and material to fix stones in need of repair to be completed by June 30, 2025. On a motion by Gail, seconded by Nancy the contract was approved.

Heritage contract #6713 in the amount of \$9990 July 1– Oct 1,2025 for labor and materials for cleaning of monuments. On a motion by Gail, seconded by Christine the contract was approved.

There was a brief discussion regarding the four stones which were in need of repair.

Discuss request for horse/wagon burial

During discussion there were questions as to the location of the staging of the arrival of the wagon, etc and guests and timing of the burial. Judy noted that David had no objections to the request with the following conditions: removal of manure, staying on the roadway and remains to be carried to the grave site.

On a motion by Christine, seconded by Gail, the Commission voted to approve the request with the addition of further information to be provided on staging arrival and timing of the burial.

Discuss site visit to Memorial Garden

After discussion, it was decided that the Commission members would conduct a site visit prior to the April meeting. Judy will contact Donna regarding timing of the site walk. Judy noted that there were 5 lots left in the cremation garden on the left and David will be mapping out more on the right side.

New Business

Bruce Godin is interested in conducting some stone cleaning with David overseeing him. Further details need to be coordinated.

VOCA – Lindsay will process one year dues of \$20 on a motion was made by Christine, seconded by Gail.

There being no further business to conduct, Judy adjourned the meeting.