

## **Stowe Cemetery Commission Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**

**Approved: \_\_\_**

A meeting of the Stowe Cemetery Commission was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 via Zoom hybrid starting at 8:30 am.

Members present: Donna Adams, Nancy Lavanway, Judy Smith, Gail Kaiser, Janet Godin, Christine Kaiser; Superintendent David Danforth; Absent: Claire “Skeeter” Austin

### **Discuss future beautification projects**

Donna started the discussion regarding the possibility of building the Memorial Garden stone wall. David said the slope would have to be cut behind the stone wall area and suggested landscape additions of ground cover. He suggested other trees to be added also. David said they could consider natural stone, modified stone, concrete block wall and brick. He added there needs to be consideration for drainage and the foundation and a if desired a walkway. The most inexpensive project would include a block wall and Daved roughly estimated \$55,000-\$60,000 for the project.. Donna discussed using interest from the Cemetery Trust Fund to help fund the project which would be a one-time transfer. David said the Parks Department can assist with the project depending how much staff he has and time allowed. He suggested how the area can be prepared if a stone wall was not done at this time.

Christine made a motion to table the discussion until Spring, so that the Commission can look at the area and plan further, seconded by Janet. After further discussion, the motion carried. Judy opposed.

Donna said a site walk will be scheduled for early Spring so that the discussion can be continued.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of January 21, 2025 were approved with changes on a motion by Christine, seconded by Janet.

### **Work Order**

Barbara Allaire – Judy made a motion to approve the work order as presented, seconded by Nancy. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

After review of the Treasurer’s Report, Donna added that Skeeter confirmed that the Edward Jones accounts are balanced. Janet made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Christine. Motion carried.

### **Discuss Stone restoration for Spring 2025**

Donna noted that at the last meeting it was approved to have Heritage enter a contract for restoration in the amount of \$7255 through June 30<sup>th</sup>. For the 2025-26 budget, she indicated that there is \$22,500 for stone restoration. There was further discussion regarding the flagging of damaged stones and the cleaning of stones in the historical areas.

Christine made a motion to allocate \$10,000 for Heritage to clean the stones at Scott's discretion in Section 1 to the historic section. Janet seconded the motion. Donna amended the motion in the amount of \$9,999, seconded by Judy. The amended motion was approved.

### **Other Business**

There was a discussion about changing the time of the meetings. No action was taken.

Donna said she would bring the concerns of the zoom camera location to Will's attention.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Moeck.