

Stowe Cemetery Commission
Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Approved _____

A meeting of the Stowe Cemetery Commission was held Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 8:30 am via a hybrid/Zoom.

Members present: Donna Adams, Claire "Skeeter" Austin, Gail Kaiser, Nancy LaVanway, Judy Smith, Christine Kaiser (alternate) Absent: Janet Godin

Minutes

Minutes of June 18, 2024 were approved with minor changes on a motion by Gail, seconded by Nancy.

Correspondence

Donna drafted a letter to Jeff for the Commission's review. The consensus was that the letter was good to send out and the point was well made.

Donna reviewed the request from Steve Slayton's email in which he requested the use of a larger double urn vault. Donna noted that the larger urn took up less space than two separate urns and that she did not see it as being a problem. On a motion by Gail, seconded by Judy, a waiver was granted for this request. Donna said the Rules and Regulations may have to be amended in the future to include this change since there may be more requests of this type.

Superintendent's Report

Donna provided a list of flagged stones which had been given to Heritage for repairs at River Bank. Donna and David met with Scott Bianchi who explained which stones had been repaired and why and others which he felt had not. Scott suggested letting him start on a couple of sections and allow him to decide what stones should be repaired rather than us having to provide a list/photos. Donna said she would be willing to allow this but only because it was Scott and not by any other contractor. She said she will provide a form for him to go by to record the work he does as a record for the future. A dollar amount will be set for the amount of work to be done. Donna repeated that he would be the only contractor they would work with in the fashion. Payment will be made when the work is done and approved by David, etc.

Donna reviewed cleaning invoices to be processed – Heritage \$10,300 River Bank; \$10,500 West Branch and \$3945 River Bank extra work. No further discussion.

Work Orders

Strong – design is fine, 24 x 14 foundation, memorial, flush marker - Donna will confirm. On a motion by Christine, seconded by Skeeter the Work Order was approved with a condition that details are confirmed by Donna.

_____ - Inscription and cleaning 3 stones. On a motion by Judy, seconded by Nancy, the Work Order was approved with the condition that corner markers are in place and cleaning solution is approved.

Hurlburt – on a motion Skeeter, seconded by Nancy, the Work Order was approved.

Berros/Dormand – on a motion by Nancy, seconded Judy, the Work Order was approved.

John Harris – On a motion by Judy, seconded by Skeeter , the Work Order was approved.with condition of details to be confirmed on Kendal.

Albert Kendal - On a motion by Judy, seconded by Skeeter , the Work Order was approved with a condition of details to be confirmed on Kendal.

John Farmer - On a motion by Judy, seconded by Gail, the Work Order was approved.

Rose Snow - On a motion by Nancy, seconded by Judy, the Work Order was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Skeeter reviewed her report for the month. She reported that they stuck to their line items and used them as planned. The Commission thanked Skeeter for her report. The Commission approved her report on a motion by Gail, seconded by Nancy.

Remembrance Program

Skeeter reported that Karin had resigned due to her unfortunate accident. Brochures are being distributed at local churches. No further discussion.

Veteran's Markers

Donna wanted to remind everyone that no one is denied a Marker or Medallion. Paperwork is submitted to the Fed government and the Town Clerk.

Work Order Forms

Donna said these forms need to be submitted in a timely manner which is increasingly a problem, and she will let Clegg and VT Monuments know that this is unacceptable.

There being no further business to conduct, Donna adjourned the meeting at 10 am. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susan Moeck.

Cemetery Restoration Criteria

Cemetery: _____ Section _____ Lot # _____

Name: _____

Description of Work: _____

Date Completed: _____ Approved by Superintendent _____

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August 20, 2024

Memo to: Town of Stowe Selectboard

From: Town of Stowe Cemetery Commission

Re: Alternate Access to Riverbank Cemetery

Recent flooding has damaged Cemetery Road. The bridge is closed and posted for weight limits that restrict labor and burial services taking place in the cemetery. Once again the town has had to rely on permission for temporary access granted through a neighboring property that is inadequate for large vault and cement trucks. There are historic hearses stored in the White House, a vault building and an equipment building which may require fire truck access in an emergency. Discussions have taken place several times in past years regarding town access through the Mayo fields to Riverbank, but no plans were ever formalized to pursue this project after the Adams family declined to grant an easement across its property. The commission respectfully requests that the Selectboard prioritize the discussion of this subject again and direct research by legal counsel and town departments regarding maps and surveys to finalize a secondary access to Riverbank.

Donna Adams, Chair, Stowe Cemetery Commission