

Stowe Cemetery Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Approved: _____

A meeting of the Stowe Cemetery Commission was held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 via Zoom hybrid starting at 8:30 am. Members present: Donna Adams, Claire “Skeeter” Austin, Nancy Lavanway, Judy Smith, Gail Kaiser, Christine Kaiser, Janet Godin

Minutes

Minutes of the September 17, 2024, meeting were approved on a motion by Christine, seconded by Gail.

Work Orders

Kaiser – Monument – Donna noted that this WO was previously approved. It was presented for the Commission’s information. Gail commented on the details indicated in “Office Use” section and said they were good to see.

Treasurer’s Report

Prior to Skeeter’s arrival, there was a review of the report and a general discussion of the various funds. Skeeter will follow up with Edward Jones regarding the 39% held for Equities/Growth Funds. On a motion by Gail, seconded by Christine, the Treasurer’s Report was approved.

Remembrance Report

Skeeter said the \$1000 approved will be tabled until Spring at which time the committee will visit nurseries for ideas for plantings.

Superintendent’s Report

Donna said that David had requested permission to allow the grooming snowmobiles which were stored last winter in the cemetery behind the White House to be permitted to do so this season. The snowmobile group is still looking for a permanent location. There was a consensus of the Commission that this would be allowed.

Proposed Cemetery Computer Program update

Matt updated Donna and reported that the program selection from the various software companies will be dependent on storage capacity and automation. He said he is still working on those comparisons and understanding what will be expected of the Town and its responsibilities. He will submit this project as a FY 26 Capital request by December.

Skeeter added that she has obtained and is updating Barbara's spreadsheet which will assist Matt as part of the process.

Memorial Wall project update

After review by David and Public Works, Donna reported that it was their recommendation that a stone wall would be the best solution for the replacement of the timber wall. This project will also be presented as a Capital project for FY 26.

Heritage Cemetery Repair Contract

Donna reviewed the options for repair to a broken tablet in Old Yard from Heritage. The options included creating a new tablet or gluing the broken pieces together. After discussion, Judy made the motion to approve the amount of \$350 to glue the pieces as presented, seconded by Janet. Motion carried.

Town Plan update discussion

Several suggestions were made for revisions to update the Cemetery section which Donna will forward to Sarah McShane who is scheduled to attend the Commission's November meeting for further discussion.

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

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Minutes respectively submitted by Susan Moeck.