

Waitsfield Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2023

Present: Mark, Robin, Nancy, Laura, and George Jr.

1. 5:45 Site visit at Mill Hill Cemetery
2. 6:24 Meeting commenced at Waitsfield Town Office
3. Review meeting 5/20/23 meeting minutes: unanimously approved.
4. President's report: Mark
 - a. HUHS Community Service- Mark left a phone message and did not hear back.
5. Treasurer's report: Nancy: unanimously accepted (and appreciated!)
 - a. Nancy noted that the WCC does not have enough money to make it through the next fiscal year. Mark will meet with Bob Cook, Waitsfield Cemetery Trustee and a couple of Waitsfield Select Board persons. Mark will check with Annie, Town Administrator, to follow up on input from VLCT re. their interpretation of the State guidelines re. cemetery trust fund issues.
 - b. Nancy will meet with Randy, Town treasurer, to get WCC bank statements and to discuss the WCC audit.
 - c. WCC would like to meet with the Waitsfield Cemetery Trustees in the near future.
6. Sexton's report: George Jr. : unanimously approved.
 - a. Tree removal done by Adam Whitney in Common Cemetery: great job, fair price.
 - b. Grave stone repair quotes: Isaiah Pelkey is no longer available due to health issues; Matt Calgani gave an extremely high quote; George Jr. will seek other bids.
 - c. 6/26/23 Cremation burial for Annette Freeman, Common Cemetery
 - d. George Jr. purchased split rails from Kenyons for \$105. He says 8 more are needed. WCC decided because this isn't an urgent need that we will address this next year.
 - e. 7/8 internment for Mr. Noack. Son requests pouring the foundation for the headstone himself. Permission is granted as long as he adheres to the new policy set by the WCC: The hole for the foundation must be 3' deep and the dimensions of the base of the headstone. WCC will make this a bylaw amendment at the July meeting.
 - f. Ann Stoddard's cremation burial took place.
 - g. Daniel Summers installed a bench and headstone on Amy Eiler's grave site.
7. Old Business:

- a. Tree donation plan: Laura will talk with Charlie Hosford, town tree commissioner
- b. Mill Hill fountain: Laura will talk with Dickie Hall
- c. Irasville fence repair:
 - i. Mark shared survey of Irasville cemetery. The chain link fence is right on the property line.
 - ii. Laura will talk with Bruce Hyde and Kathy Mehuron.
 - iii. Robin shared an idea: remove the fabric, re-use the posts and caps, hang chain between the posts (like at the front of the cemetery), paint the posts black. There are about 50 posts on the Mehurons side.
 - 1. Mark says fabric has scrap metal value.
 - 2. George Jr. will ask his wife to photoshop the fence photo Robin took to create a semblance of what Robin's idea might actually look like.
 - 3. Laura will contact a fence company to get an idea of what it might cost to remove the fabric.
- d. Lot Deeds: Robin shared a lot deed book (sort of like a check book) that she found on the internet. Robin will contact this company to find out what it might cost. Notebook format keeps all the lot deed records in one place.
- e. Historic walking tours- to be cont.
- f. Cemetery page on Town website: Robin will send Mark the URL link. This link shows the old lot price sheet. Mark will speak with Annie about updating commissioners' names, etc.
- g. NEMRC- to be cont.
- h. Robin chose to fill George Jr.'s vacant seat, which is a 5 year term. She is appointed for one year, and then has to run again in March 2024.

Next meeting: July 25, site visit at Common Cemetery at 5:45

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brines, WCC secretary