Thursday, June 1, 2023

Title

Sandisfield

Cemetery Committee Meeting

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BL made a motion to open meeting at 2:39pm, LR seconded, all in favor.

Minutes were reviewed and signed

Discussed transferring funds for completing work in FY23.

LR suggested getting a quote from Rachel Burdick to paint/repair fence at Route 183 Cemetery. BL made a motion LR seconded the motion all in favor, KL and TA.

KL will get a quote from Tonlino for a triaxel load of topsoil. He will purchase a large tarp to put over topsoil.

Discuss individual cemetery priorities. BL mentioned the trimming of brush and removing small trees near the stone wall and any overgrown at Roberts Road Cemetery.

Discussion on updating Cemetery rules. TA mentioned contacting MA Cemetery Assoc. for suggestions since we are now members. LR read what another town had for cemetery rules. LR suggested to change 2 foot shrubs to no shrubs as if uncared for they can damage stones with their roots, besides growing out of hand with no family upkeep. No glass items should be permitted. Single plot headstone maximum size should be added. Once updated these revised rules must go before SB for review.

Discussed family notification letters for those that are not in compliance with the rules.

Names/Dates need to be checked on headstones. Any dates prior to rules/regulations established will need to be reviewed.

LR will contact George Wheeler about the committee waiting to get further information as to what type of cleaning and repairs can be done with or without State permission. Do we need a permit? Do we need a letter of indemnification for town?

Member updates: LR mentioned open meeting law training in required by all committees and boards. She has signed up for one of the classes.

LR made a motion to close the meeting at 3:27pm. BL seconded the motion all in favor,

**Members in attendance:**

Lynn Rubenstein

Brenda Larson

Tegan Abear

Keith Larson

**PUBLIC:**

**Ron Pachulski**