

Sandisfield  
Cemetery Committee Minutes  
March 30, 2023

Meeting opened 2:35pm by BL seconded by LR

Warrants: None to sign

Committee membership updated

BL made a motion to nominate LR to chair, LR requested to be co-chair, KL seconded, all in favor. LR made a motion to nominate BL to co-char, RP seconded, all in favor. BL made a motion to nominate RP for secretary, TA seconded, all in favor.

Discussed perpetual account, ( need to find out who, what )

Discussed ins claim pending for New Boston Cemetery, ( who is handling, what is the status).

Discussed numerous accounts, ( need more information)

Discussed notifying family members of headstone damage.

Discussed cemetery town rules, RP wants to review a couple at each meeting and possibly change.

Discussed remaining FY23 budget.

We need estimates for tree work, fence work, cleanup if not included in town mowing/spring/fall cleanup by Matt McCuin, ( need specifics ) KL will obtain tree estimates and find out about spring cleanup. KL will mark trees he believes should be taken down. KL will find out who is responsible for tree in corner of cemetery property that is already marked. We need to find out if we need to contact Carr property for work to be done. Discussed culvert.

Discussed a Community Day for volunteers to assist in cleanup/ fence painting for New Boston Cemetery. Picked April 16, with April 23 as a rain date. Will post in usual areas high in visibility. Not enough time to post in Times. LR will make flyer, possible paint donations. TA will find out type/amount we require. Check into Eagle Scout programs, project 351 for student volunteers.

Discussed condition of fencing and family gates, survey of property. Need to find out if J Fields is under contract with town, does that include cemeteries. Is that payment per tree or by the day.

Discussed Rich Atwood services ( we have 10 headstones ready to engrave ), Veteran's medallions ( plastic and metal). TA believes a few of our cemeteries are historic ( possible funding if registered) RP will speak to Ron Bernard.

American Legion buys and places small flags on graves of Veterans for Memorial Day.

Discussed all members taking a field trip to all cemeteries before next meeting, making notes of priorities.

Discussed possibility of joining MA Cemetery Assoc. (members will be emailed info to peruse)

Discussed CIMS contract ( not a priority at this point, contract ends Oct. 1, 2023) possibility of transferring files to excel program.

Discussed FY24 budget that is overdue and a high priority, all members agreed to have another meeting in one week, all to check for April 6 availability.

LR made motion to close meeting at 4:10pm, BL seconded, all in favor.

Members in attendance:

Brenda Larson  
Keith Larson  
Lynn Rubenstein  
Tegan Abear  
Ron Pachulski