

MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CEMETERY COMMITTEE
20 MARCH 2024
9:30AM

Taylor-Van Brocklin Building
Richmond, New Hampshire
03470

Present:

Jerry Merrifield Chairman (JMe)
Jerry Mills Treasurer (JMi)
John Lewis Secretary (JL)
Robert Gow Sexton (RG)
Rebecca 'Jane' Lescynski Trustee (RL)

Public Attended: Richard Fadden

Call to Order

First Meeting of 2024
9:34am

Minutes

Minutes of the November 15th 2023 meeting taken by JMi were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

JMi reported on RCC Checking Account held at TD Bank.

Present RCC balance is \$2,331.51.

Mr. John Cooney lives in NC and sends money to support Aldrich Cemetery (1Check of \$500). JL to send letter of appreciation.

RG has no expenditures.

JMe purchased two spare flags 3x5 for total \$19.95.

JMi reported availability of 4x6 flag.

Pam Bielunis has flag with 48 Stars which was discolored with age. RCC will not use. Given to Lenny Solomon.

JMi suggested the needs for new chips for the Veterans Memorial Park.

2023 Budget was \$21,550; spent \$14,473 and \$7,175; took in \$1,900; returned to Town \$9,200.

2024 Budget is \$22,800.

Sexton's Report:

Li Richardson contacted by Bob Gow for cemetery work.

He currently has a full-time job and is not available except for possible weekend work.

RG reported on a 18 April 2024 Meeting of the New England Cemetery Association but will not be attending due to cost.

JMe reported his intention to purchase a Gross of Flags for the 2024 season.

Motion made, seconded by JL/JMi, resolution passed to purchase flags.

Old Business:

Hunt Fund of \$1,200 for the Quaker Cemetery still to be expended

Gravel still needed for South Cemetery access roads

Kyle Nartowicz needs to do crane work to complete his work.

RL says she has carboys available for water from her work at Badger in Swanzey, NH

Graveside Flags placed by JMe in April 2024. (65 South, 32 Middletown 5 Quaker Cemetery)
Gathered up in November 2024 and the work is nearly complete.

New Business

Richard Fadden was present to request memorial for ashes of Mother, Father, and Sister be placed on C Section Lot 19 and 20. Father (Richard) buried in Pittfield, Mass.

Bob Gow suggests need for plot readiness for memorial.

Artwork from Sharon Doubleday to be commissioned for the stone.

Richard Fadden's mother's favorite flowers discussed for planting...but nothing over 6ft tall.

Marbles, Pennies, Daffodils or Irises.

Norma Thibodeau did a lot for the town. Joe Thibodeau passed away and now needs headstone in Earl Howard #1.

Joe's military history will facilitate acquisition of headstone.

Theo Heise Bassett will be buried in the Spring 2024.

Mr. Bassett will contact R. Gow. Full burial planned for Earl Howard Section 1 Row B 20 and 21.

Easement is a plot rented from the Town of Richmond for Burial. Not Ownership.

No more Perpetual Care in Richmond. Every grave cared for the same.

Owning an entire row no longer practical in Richmond Cemeteries. Only two lots now for sale for family.

Vote was taken and all RCC Officers will retain their current 2023 positions, seconded by JL/JMi, resolution passed.

Mr. Fadden presented a check for \$500 to RCC for unrestricted use. JI to send letter of appreciation.

Robert Gow needs monies for lower intake tube for Leaf Vacuum. \$100 expenditure.

Motion made, seconded by JMi/JL, resolution passed.

Jerry Mills requests monies for purchase of materials for Benson Cemetery.

Motion made, seconded by JL/JMe, resolution passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Next Meeting:

17 April 2024 9:30am

3rd Wednesday of each Month

Meeting Adjournment

JL/Jme

10:18 am

