

MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CEMETERY COMMITTEE
19 JULY 2023
9:30 AM

Taylor-Van Brocklin Building
Richmond, New Hampshire
03470

Present:

Jerry Merrifield Chairman (**Jme**)
Jerry Mills Treasurer (**Jmi**)
Robert Gow Sexton (**RG**)
John Lewis Secretary (**JL**)

Call to Order

9:35am

Treasurers Report:

Jmi reported on RCC Checking Account held at TD Bank.
No changes for July 2023 (Balance \$2581.51)
RG submitted expenses for \$18.
Treasurers Report accepted JL/Jme

Old Business

Jme distributed and reviewed Cemetery Budget 2023
Expenditures on pace as expected.
Spent more than budgeted for Flags to secure better pricing.
Note: RCC Budget does not consider inclusion of fees for burial in Budget

Jme read his letter to the Richmond Board of Selectmen requesting resolution of the contract with Mr. Noah Washburn for unfinished tree work for the Town of Richmond.

Jme reported that Selectman suggested Buddy Blood also contact Noah.
Buddy could not reach Noah so the issue needs to be reconsidered by the Selectman

Jme reported a phone call from family of bereaved reporting that a new grave appeared to be sinking in.

JMe reassured her this was normal and would be attended to in time

Jme reported a satisfactory resolution of ownership contracts for Lots 11-21 in Earl Howard 2 as follows

Ken and Melissa Herman owners of Lots K18-21

George and Helen Blais owners of K11-17

New Business

Jme reported that he donated flags from the RCC to VFW in Winchester, NH which is very short on flags. Jme advised them o by 5 not 3 gross.

Jme discussed requirement that graves should have flat markers to allow mowing over
RCC voted to change wording, eliminating the word "flat".

Note NH State does not require a grave vault though preferred to prevent grave collapse

Jme reviewed decisions at 21 June Meeting 2023 about amended pricing for Richmond Cemetery burial fees 2023. Full burial \$500.....Weekend and Holidays\$600

Jme reported Becky Haskins asked about the naming of Earl Howard.

Ans. Land donated by wife of Earl Howard.

Jme reported Bill Coll suggests land cleared behind Earl Howard be named and signage developed.

Jmi reported status of trash collection bin behind Fire House near the Quaker Cemetery Often overfull, an eyesore near the Quaker Cemetery. Suggest to empty it more frequently Question raised about whose responsibility it is.

Susan Harrington noted she has never paid a bill.

Jmi noted exposed plastic piping beginning to appear near Quaker Cemetery opening path. Trip hazard. Need to address.

Jmi reported on need to resolve issue of the Tomb in Benson Cemetery near collapse.

Proposed that **Jme** inform Selectman and discuss liability to the Town of Richmond

Jmi will provide skids for Water Buffalo behind sheds at South Cemetery with Trustees full approval.

Jme proposes the use for metal detector to locate the Surveyors stakes and make them more visible without impeding

Jme reports that drain/culvert near Aldrich entrance is clogged and resulting water pools complicates access.

Jme proposes painting the backing of the Directories in the Cemeteries

RG reported that all equipment working properly.

RG maintains what he can and Jim Mountford provides additional service.

Motion to adjourn RCC Mtg at 11:19am