

MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
19 SEPTEMBER 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)

No Guest attended.

**Call to Order**

9:32am

Minutes 16 August 2023 Meeting accepted.  
Minutes of 19 May 2023 and 12 June 2023 were also accepted and will be submitted with the 16 August 2023 minutes to Susan Harrington.

**Treasurers Report:**

Jmi reported on RCC Checking Account held at TD Bank.  
Present RCC balance \$3,131.51  
Bills Submitted (RG) for Benson work (No Trespassing Paint fuel etc...\$160.08  
Tractor mower deck has some damage. Parts purchased \$26.99 RG to repair damage  
Treasurers Report accepted JL/Jme

**Old Business**

Benson Tomb has been secured with posts and wire by RG.  
Photograph of completed work sent to Selectmen.  
Buddy Blood to be contracted to lay gravel on road between Old/New South.  
No written bid from Phil's Tree Service received on time.  
Richmond Selectmen therefore approved Kyle Nartowicz for tree work at Town Hall  
RCC selected Kyle Nartowicz to do tree work in Middletown Cemetery.  
Kyle Nartowicz to provide date for work.

**New Business**

Quaker Cemetery Fund (\$1,211.51) held at the Richmond Historical Society was offered to the RCC.  
The Fund was established in 2000 by Mary Hunt. No digging permitted in Quaker Cemetery.  
Meeting with Bonnie McCarthy and Dick Drew (RHS) for stone work in QC cancelled since digging violates code  
Review of leaning stones suggests that no work is required.  
Jmi suggests that a riding mower is not suitable for work in the QC.  
Time spent in QC maintenance by RG will be submitted to Town Hall via the regular process for hours paid.  
A rate of \$35/hr suggests about 35hr of maintenance labor will exhaust the funds.  
Jmi walk through QC on 19 September 2023 morning reveals branch fall from recent inclement weather/brisk winds that needs pick up/cleanup  
Jmi and Jme discussed what documents should be contained in the Cemetery Directories.

Proposed: Map of Plots should be there. List of burials should be there.

Lamination sheets which Jmi provided will be helpful.

Peterborough Granite and Keene Monument will be compared for costs for monument repair.

Additional Signs and Posts produced by Jerry Mills are available to be erected next Spring 2024.

Review of all Cemeteries in Town of Richmond will be added to the RCC Manual.

Some digging/metal detecting detected in Cemetery near Town Forest.

Jmi discussed Vet Park Cemetery maintenance.

**Next Meeting**

17 October 2023

**Meeting Adjournment**

JL/Jme

10:33am