

Meeting of the Richmond Cemetery Committee
16 October 2024
6:30pm

Taylor Van Brocklin Building
Richmond, NH
03470

Present:

Jerry Merrifield Chairman (Jme)
Jerry Mills Treasurer (Jmi)
John Lewis Secretary (Jl)
Robert Gow Sexton (Rg)
Rebecca Jane Lescynski Trustee (Rl)

Guests:

Fran Heap, Trustee of Trust Funds Bookkeeper

Call to Order

6:33 pm

Minutes:

Minutes of the 18 September 2024 meeting taken by Rl were reviewed, modified, and accepted and in PDF format, will be sent to Susan Harrington. JMl/JMe

Treasurers Report:

Jmi reported on RCC Checking Account held at TD Bank.
Present RCC balance is \$3,967.91
Expenditure of Town Funds to RCC in 2024 continue at appropriate pace.

Sexton's Report:

Old Business:

Ashes of Herb and Stephanie Krause, along with their daughters ashes are on their way for burial.

Whipple Cemetery project on hold.

New Business:

Perpetual Care Fund

Fran Heap was in to give an update on the Perpetual Care Fund. The Earl R. Howard Extension Fund refers to the extension of the New South Cemetery, including the land that is now the Earl Howard I, II, and III cemeteries. Interest income from the fund may be used for maintenance and repairs in the Earl Howard cemeteries. As of the September meeting, accumulative interest income is \$1,451.60, however this would need to be offset by any undeposited plot sales owed to the trust fund per its bylaws. Jme to review sales of plot easements in the Earl Howard cemeteries to determine if payment was mistakenly given to the town rather than to the trust fund.

Zero Turn Mower

Jme and Rg met with Board of Selectman on 09/23/24 to discuss the purchase of the RedMax RZT48 zero turn mower which was approved by the RCC at the September meeting. After some discussion, the select board recommended the RCC look into purchasing a higher-quality commercial-grade mower that would hold up better than a residential-grade mower.

Rg presented the RCC with a proposal including four commercial-grade options, all at least \$1000.00 more than the residential options previously discussed. After reviewing the options, including cost and warranties, the trustees approved the purchase of the following mower:

- Toro Z Master \$6961.00, 4yr/1000hr warranty

2025 Budget

Jme provided the trustees with a 2025 budget draft for review. Currently the RCC has used just over half of the approved 2024 budget. Jme proposed keeping the budget for most expenses the same as 2024, except the following:

- Increase Equipment Purchases to \$1500.00 from \$1000.00 to allow for the purchase of a new laptop.
- Decrease Equipment Maintenance/Repair from \$3600.00 to \$1500.00
- Increase Miscellaneous from \$500.00 to \$800.00 to allow for increase in price of new flags.

Motion made, seconded, and approved by trustees to approve 2025 budget.

Trustees to meet with Board of Selectman on 10/21/24 to review approved 2025 budget.

Jmi moved to adjourn meeting/Jme seconded

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm

Next Meeting

20 November 2024

6:30pm at Taylor Van Brocklin