

Meeting of the Richmond Cemetery Committee
20 November 2024
6:30pm

Taylor Van Brocklin Building
Richmond, NH
03470

Present:

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

Absent:

John Lewis Secretary (Jl)

Guests:

Dick Drew

Call to Order

6:37 pm

Minutes:

Minutes of the 16 October 2024 meeting taken by Jl were reviewed. Minutes were not complete and not accepted. Rl to revise. October minutes were accepted via email on December 6th by Jme and Jmi and will be sent to Susan Harrington.

Treasurers Report:

Jmi reported on RCC Checking Account held at TD Bank.

Present RCC balance is \$5,777.71.

Jme had recently given Jmi two checks for Neil Moriarty's and Jay Davis' corner markers, each \$325.00. Jmi had been to TD Bank for a new checkbook but the checks were delayed due to the fee not being processed. Checks were supposed to be delivered 8/1/24!

Jmi to become authorized signer on the RCC checking account.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurer's report. Jme/Rl/Jmi

Sexton's Report:

Rg presented a receipt for oil and gas \$49.97

Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the receipt. Jmi/Rl/Jme

Old Business:

Rg dug the grave and completed burial of the Krause family ashes. \$200.00 from the burial to paid to the town.

Jmi sent check for \$400.00 to Kristin Dalibis for returned easement. Money for easement is to be reimbursed from the town to RCC.

Regarding Earl R. Howard Extension Fund, Jme looked back through easement records since 2018. Prior to 2018, former RCC trustee, Bill Coll, had sent easement fees to the trust fund and not the town. After updating some easement details, Jme determined that \$1875.00 was mistakenly sent to the town but should have gone to the trust fund. Jme has requested the town pay \$1475.00 (\$1875 - \$400 for Dalibis check) to the RCC budget. This will then be paid from the RCC budget to the Trustees of Trust Funds to add to the Earl R. Howard Extension Fund. Susan Harrington to send an electronic check. Once money has been deposited, interest income may be used for maintenance.

New mower and blower are here and in use!

New Business:

Budget Updates

2024 - \$1000 left in budget

- \$750 deposited for labor
- \$6900 spent on mower
- \$653 spent on blower

2025 - \$21,500 approved budget

- \$500 to be spent on new laptop (or could be bought this year - holiday sales)

Communications

Jme has been talking with Fran Heap regarding Earl R. Howard Extension Fund.

Jme has been in contact with Constance White. She is looking for a letter stating she has no easement that could be considered an asset as she is applying for assisted living.

Jme received a card from Dixie Gurian thanking the RCC and Rg for the attention paid to her son Aram's grave.

Sexton Wage Increase

Because of the terrific job that Rg and helpers do to keep our cemeteries in beautiful shape, the trustees would like to increase their wages by 5%. This would bring wages to \$29/hr for Rg and \$18/hr for helpers. Motion made, seconded, and approved to increase the sexton and helpers wages by 5%. Jme/Jmi/RI

End of Year Report

Jme is working on this for the town report.

2024 was a busy year with 4 cremation burials and 4 full burials.

Equipment/Supplies Purchases

Rg advised on purchasing a \$60 clip for the leaf blower discharge tube.

Motion made, seconded, and approved for the purchase. Jmi/RI/Jme

Jme would like to purchase sheet protectors for \$9.91.

Motion made, seconded, and approved for the purchase. Jmi/RI/Jme

Aldrich Cemetery

Dick Drew joined the conversation regarding the boundaries of Aldrich Cemetery.

Rg would like to trim some trees around the cemetery but not all boundary pins can be found and does not want to upset neighbors on the northern border.

It is possible that boundary pin on northeastern corner was removed when Rt. 32 was widened many years ago.

Dick recommended finding the original deed from 1927 when the land was gifted to the town at the Town Hall to get more details.

Dick to join Jme, Jim, and Rg on a walk of the perimeter on a date TBD.

Benson Sign

John Randall has given the okay to Jmi for the Benson Cemetery sign to be placed at the entrance of Benson Rd. off of Fish Hatchery Rd.

Jmi to contact Hugh VanBrocklin to ask for use of his auger for post holes.

Updated Trustee Binders

Jme passed out updated easement records and burial indexes to trustees and binders were updated.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm

Next Meeting:

20 March 2025

6:30pm at Taylor Van Brocklin