



Cemetery Advisory Board

Monday, May 15, 2023

at 4:00 p.m.

43 Bombardier Road, Municipal Building

Town Manager's Conference Room

MINUTES

Cemetery Advisory Board Members Present: Jim Ballard, Al Beaupre, Bev Hayden, John Mayville, Jay Nadeau

Others Present: Kristin Beers, Town Clerk; Peter Staniels, Cemetery Superintendent

- Jim Ballard called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- Public Forum – none in attendance
- Peter Staniels made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Bev Hayden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Peter shared reasons behind the updates to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Kristin read through the proposed changes. The hours of operation, definition of resident and a few clerical corrections were discussed. Jay recently attended a VOCA meeting and the topic of green burials came up. Jay suggested that the group does some research to see how other towns' Rules and Regulations compare to ours, and how they handle green burials, before going before the Selectboard with these current edits.
- John Mayville made a motion to approve the Rules and Regulations as presented. There was no second and the motion failed.
- Jim Ballard made a motion to table the changes to the Rules and Regulations and do some more research before presenting them to the Selectboard. Jay Nadeau seconded. With four in favor and one opposed, the motion passed.
- Plans were made to meet again in about three months, maybe sometime in September, to re-visit edits to the Rules and Regulations.
- Peter shared an update on the Miltonboro cemetery.
 - He and Jay opened the back fence allowing vehicles access from the newly constructed road. The west corner will be for parking, and stones were arranged to prevent cars from parking in the burial space on the other side.
 - The stone wall still needs repair, but trees are causing some of the wall damage. The trees will need to be removed before the wall can be completely repaired. Hopefully the matching grant to repair the wall, will include the tree removal. The Friends of the Milton Cemetery has \$1,661.50 to be used in the Miltonboro cemetery.
 - Jay learned that VOCA has grants available up to \$1,000 if we obtain/provide a price quote.

- Shrubs and vines are overgrown on the southern border. They need to be cleared or at least trimmed back.
- Jay suggested moving the old hitch and post from its current location to the center of the front entrance, allowing foot traffic through but not vehicles.
- John Mayville made a motion to have that post moved to the center of the front entrance. Al Beaupre seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Jim Ballard shared that he has contacted a few organizations about the Cemetery Work Day and a ceremony unveiling the new informational sign, to be held on Saturday, June 10th. Logistics were discussed. Peter has asked the Town for some sure-pack, Jim will check in with the United Church about parking, and John will look into ordering some t-shirts.
- Jim mentioned that with the renaming of the Old West Milton cemetery to Founders cemetery, and the New West Milton cemetery to West Milton cemetery, various governmental groups need to be notified. He will follow up with the Town Manager to do so.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm with a motion by Jay Nadeau. Bev Hayden seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Beers

APPROVED MINUTES:



Jim Ballard, Chair

Date: _____

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