

Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2024

Present: Commission members Heather Pagel, Francette Cerulli, Julia Shedd

Meeting was called to order at 5:30

1. Fran moved to approve minutes of Oct. 24, 2023 meeting as written, Heather seconded, approved by all.

Heather moved to move new business to beginning of the meeting for the purpose of electing officers. Fran seconded, all approved.

2. Election of Officers. Fran nominated Julia as Secretary, Heather seconded, Julia elected unanimously. Fran nominated Heather as Chair, Julia seconded, Heather elected unanimously. Heather nominated Fran as Treasurer/Clerk, Julia seconded, Fran elected unanimously.
3. Green burial progress and pricing. Heather provided update; she works with Jon Boucher, who is working with green burial. She reported that places around Vermont are looking at no longer requiring vaulted burials. The cost is less up front, but requires more long-term maintenance as graves will need filling in as graves settle. We are still waiting for more fill from road crew for green burial area at back of Mountain Cemetery, and word from Joe Mangan on mapping graves and smoothing/seeding. Fran volunteered to be in touch with the road crew about getting fill for green burial site.
4. Donation request letter from Montpelier Veterans' Council—flags for graves. Council usually provides flags to Historical Society, and Doty students place flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day. Flags are paid for from personal donations, and council is asking for donation to help cover cost of flags. Fran will check with David Book of WHS to see how many he has, and Fran will tally how many she collected which are still new and can be replaced. She will follow up on the letter to see how much flags actually cost, and we will revisit the question of a donation at the next meeting. Fran will find out which teacher(s) supervises the flag placement, and we will approach them to see if students could collect the flags after Veterans' Day and return them to the American Legion in Montpelier for proper disposal.
5. Progress on wildflower meadow—Fran spoke with Matt Delory of Cornerstone Edibles Landscaping. He has re-seeded winter and spring at his own expense because original seeds were bad.
6. Update maps for Mountain Cemetery. All maps were updated from Fran's to reflect lots sold since original map was printed.

7. Rising Cost of Corner Stones Our contract with Joe Mangan (Kirkyard Services) expires at the end of 2024 season. The contract did not specify cost of corner stones, just \$60 for their installation. Cost of four stones (without installation) is now \$250, meaning total cost for this season would be \$310. Present cost of lots now includes only \$200 for stones and installation, \$110 less than they will cost us. Fran will ask Joe if he can find corner stones (with one initial) for less than \$250, and we will explore an increase in lot price at our next meeting.

Heather moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Fran seconded. All approved.
Time of next meeting will be discussed via email.

Attest,
Julia Shedd