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October 29, 2019
Winchester Cemetery Trustees
Minutes

Present: H. Parkhurst, chairman; Valerie Cole; Sexton, Sherry Willard; Bill McGrath

The meeting was called to order at the Winchester town hall at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Parkhurst.

The clerk's report from the previous meeting was accepted as presented.

Treasurer's report:

Sherry and Bill presented our proposed budget to the Select board. The projected budget would indicate a deficit of \$9,613.97 as of 6/30/20.

◦ Funds available:

\$3855.53 (Ashuelot)

\$12,198.32 (expendable)

\$53,331.83 (Evergreen)

The Select board will present a warrant article to allow the use of funds meant for Evergreen for any cemetery.

The salary for the third worker at the cemetery is paid by the town.

Sexton's report:

- Final cleaning at all cemeteries is bring completed
- The tree from the top of the mausoleum has been removed
- Tree stumps have been removed by Dale
- Jay Roy has almost finished all the tree cutting
- Some fence slats have been replaced
- Section markers have been painted and installed
- Tristan came and demonstrated the proper way to install military headstones.
- 44 burials were held this year, with two more to come.

Old Business:

Corrections were made to the rules and regulations. The amended document was accepted 3-0.

New business:

It was moved, seconded and voted in the affirmative that \$715 be allowed to repair broken and damaged stones. The vote was 3-0.

It was moved, seconded and approved that Sherry be paid a stipend for work over the winter. She will be paid \$16 per hour for 30 hours per week over the months of November through March. Her tasks will be consist of but not be limited to correcting, mapping and labeling various plots and acreage at the cemetery and updating all records relative to the organization of the cemetery. The vote was 3-0.

Henry reported that abandoned properties can be taken after 50 years; therefore the mausoleum can be repaired. We will be looking for a grant to do so. In the meantime, we will need to look for any descendants.

The question of whether owners of cemetery lots are permitted to sell those lots. Henry will find out if there is a law allowing this.


The question of bylaws came up. Discussion followed and it was decided to address this matter in the spring.

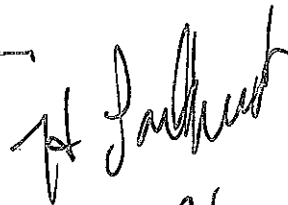
There was no correspondence or citizens present.

The next meeting will be March 31, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the town hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Valerie Cole, Clerk


Ch.