GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Valerie Hunter, Chair, at 4:34 p.m.

Commissioners present: Brian Allen, Lucille Campbell, Valerie Hunter, Sue Lawrence and Jane Pomykala.

Guests: None

Additions or deletions: none

Sue moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2023; Brian seconded. No discussion, all voted in favor.

Financial report for period ending June 30, 2023 was received and discussed.

Lawn care bill from June 10 -June 30, 2023 for $2.379.91 has been paid. No other bills.

Lot sales: none

Burials:

Sue and Lucille presented the solution for the Walter Hendee lot which was never marked with cornerstones or a headstone. A 10’ x 18’ lot was marked out using an existing cornerstone on an adjacent lot and reference to the adjoining Socia lot. Patricia Hendee will purchase 4 cornerstones – 2 “H” and 2 “S” to mark the Hendee/Socia lot and is planning to erect a marker for the 3 buried in the Hendee lot. Sue will issue a revised deed to replace the lost deed. Ivan Hendee will be buried in the Leon Hendee lot rather than in the Walter Hendee lot.

The pre-paid fee letter has been composed and sent to those who paid in advance. Noted in the letter was that it must be presented when the future burial takes place.

Brief discussion of the necessity of having a Burial Rights document. This will be discussed again at another meeting.

Water line:

Brian presented a preliminary cost for 210 feet of water line from the road to the vault of $9,000 - $10,000. Hook-on fee is $3,500. Additional costs for curb stop, size of pipe and if ledge is found. Discussion about method of funding included adding it to the budget presented to the voters in March. Val will contact Consolidated Water District about monthly, seasonal, or reduced costs. Brian will get a more precise estimate.

Vault: no information yet from Bobby Miller

Shed: Jane and Brian will finish the work this summer.

Tractor:

Sue spoke to Cody Crary about the bill for work on the tractor and asked if he would take the tractor in lieu of submitting a bill. He did not think the tractor would cover the amount of the bill. He has not yet sent a bill. Discussion followed. Consensus was that the Commission had asked several times for a bill and did not need to ask again. Brian will charge the tractor battery and see if the tractor will start. Brian will ask Merritt Vantine if he knows whether the Cemetery Commission purchased the wagon.

Quaker fence damage:

Someone pushed the two sections back together, but those sections need to be repaired or replaced. Brian will attempt to repair and see if it is possible to put the damaged ones on the west side and move two good sections to the front. Jim Hoag has offered to help or donate toward replacement. Brian will contact Jim.

Excessive landscaping issue:

Lucille showed photos of the excessive landscaping done by Barbara Destromp on the Ernest Blow / Ellsworth Blow lot. This is in violation of Cemetery Regulations: “No enclosures of lots by fencing, hedges, curbing or stone, gravel or wood chip aprons around memorials, corner markers or lots shall be allowed.” In addition, flush markers were raised and a marker was added without permission. Discussion followed with a consensus that the Commission could not ignore this. Sue moved that we send Barbara Destromp, by certified mail, receipt requested, a copy of the Cemetery Rules and Regulations and photos of the landscaping with a letter stating that she must remove the landscaping within 30 days, or the Cemetery Commission will have it removed at her expense. Lucille seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Sue moved to adjourn, Jane seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Nest meeting August 8, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary