GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 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, Jane Pomykala.

Guests: None

Additions or deletions to the agenda:

Lucille requested that approval of Aug. 22, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes be added and that IT Report be added to Old Business.

Sue moved to approve the August 8, 2023 minutes, Brian seconded. All in favor. Approval of August 22, 2023 minutes tabled until October meeting.

Financial report:

Sue presented receipts and payment report submitted by Melissa Boutin for the last month.

M & T statements received: Money Market $43,746.89; Trust Fund CD $17,753.23; Land Fund CD $100,391.14.

Bill for $350 received from Bobby Miller for temporary repair to vault roof (scraping off a section of old surface and sealing). Bobby Miller advised that another coat of paint or a new roof would be needed to fix the leaking. He does not do that type of work. Sue moved to take $350 from budget line “Equipment, Tools, Maintenance” to pay FourWinds Carpentry & Property Maintenance for the repair. Lucille seconded. All in favor.

No burials or lot sales.

Vault update:

Sue contacted Northen Basements about repair of concrete apron around vault. They do not do that type of work.

Lucille contacted Vermont Construction, Colchester; Bannister Roofing, Fairfax; A. C. Hathorne, Williston with description and photos of the vault roof and asked if this was a project they could do. Only Vermont Construction replied, but just to ask for further contact info and location of cemetery.

Lucille contacted Half Moon Stone Works of South Hero and sent photos of the vault wall, roof and apron and asked for advice on the fixes. Pete Chappelow will look at it when he has a chance, but said they would not do the roof. They could repair the cracked and missing pieces of the stucco-type covering on the wall.

Fence update:

Val contacted Matt Sears again. He is still waiting for the standing water by the fence to dry up before he installs the new section. Val let Matt know we need the top rails from the existing chain link fence for repair on the south side fence.

Champlain Monuments update:

Cleaning/repair not yet done in Section B and Hoag. Val contacted Jeff for price information on cornerstones and engraving letters on cornerstones. A set of 4 cornerstones, engraved with one initial, is $160 if picked up, $175 if delivered. The price is the same as from Pepin. If we want letters engraved on installed cornerstones, we need to let him know how many before he gives a cost.

IT issues:

Lucille reported that since the last meeting Angie Low and a Rural Solutions tech have solved the issue that prevented her from posting the agendas and minutes to the Town website. Lucille can now post and has also updated the page with Commissioners’ names. She will work on other Cemetery pages that need updates.

Sue reported that she had received a message from Ralph Mitchell. He was unhappy that the lawn crew had not trimmed close enough to the stone in his parents’ plot and left high grass. Consensus of the Commissioners was that so much rain this summer had made it difficult to keep up with the work and that the crew was doing the best they could. It was also suggested that Mr. Mitchell could help by trimming around the stones himself. Sue will get back to him.

Jane asked if the suggestion of putting in a water line for the Grand Isle Village Cemetery needed to be discussed. Val said the water district would give no discount for a Town property and would charge the full basic monthly rate for the whole year. Consensus was that it is not feasible at this time.

Sue moved to adjourn, Brian seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Next meeting October 10, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary