GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Valerie Hunter, Chair, at 4:32 p.m.

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

Guests: None

Additions or deletions to the agenda: None

Sue moved to approve the August 22, 2023 minutes, Val seconded. Val, Sue, Lucille voted yes; Brian and Jane abstained.

Jane moved, Brian seconded that we approve the September 12, 2023 minutes. All in favor.

Minutes of September 21, 2023 tabled until November 14, 2023 meeting.

Administrative report:

Financial Report - No financial report from Melissa Boutin.

Invoice for $5,100 received from Champlain Monuments for cleaning and repair. This is within the range of the estimate approved by the commission. Sue will pay it, and note it is from the restoration account.

Lawn Care & Maintenance: No lawn care bill or caretaker bill.

Bill paid - Robinson Hardware for $20.00 for stakes to mark lots.

Brian presented Robinson Hardware bill for $40.99 for fence and shed repair items.

Brian presented Mow the Lawn bill for $35.52 for an ignition switch for the lawn tractor. The tractor is now running.

Lot Sales and Burials – no sales, no burials

Vault update – Pete from Half Moon Stone Works estimates they will begin work mid-October.

Champlain Monuments – Work is done in Section B and Hatch plot and repairs are done in Hoag. Jeff Pignona said there were a few more monuments that would probably need attention next year.

Grounds work –

Filling sunken lots will be done in the spring. May need more sand fill.

Lawn repair of damage from fence construction will be done in the spring, too wet now. The culvert is not handling the water. Sue will find a contact for the State Highway District. We will contact them about a remedy.

Low limbs on trees along the driveway and unwanted trees on a couple of lots need to be cut. Brian will take care of it.

Vines on south side fence need to be cut. Will have to wait until it is drier.

Chain link fence – Val had an inquiry from the Pickle Ball group. They would like any of the old chain link fence sections that we do not use.

Signs on the new fence - Consensus was that none of old signs would be put on the new fence. After the vault repair work is done, there might be a place for the two metal signs near the vault or on the shed. Brian will check on this. The old wooden sign will not be put back. Positive feedback from the community about the new fence. Several asked if we planned on adding more sections of the black aluminum fence.

FY 2024-25 Budget – Preliminary figures were discussed. Line items will be finalized at the November 14 meeting after we have information about lawn care costs through Nov. 1 and what the amount in the Miscellaneous line item was for. Sue will ask Melissa for that information.

Items to be discussed at the November meeting:

What to do with the tractor

Transfer of an amount in the Due From/To account to the Money Market.

Item to be discussed at the December meeting: lawn care bid.

Sue moved to adjourn, Jane seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Next meeting November 14, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary