GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Valerie Hunter, Chair, at 4:30 p.m.

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

Additions or deletions to the agenda: None

Sue moved to approve the minutes of Jan. 9, 2024. Brian seconded. Passed, all in favor.

Administrative Report

 Financial Report - Draft financial report from Melissa Boutin dated Feb. 9, 2024 was discussed. Question was raised about the amount of $22,668.98 in the Due From/To Other Funds line. In December the Commissioners instructed Melissa to move $11,641.98 from the Due From/To Other Funds to the Cemetery Money Market account. Sue will check with Melissa to see if this was done and how much is actually in the Due From/To Other Funds at this point.

Lawn Care, Maintenance – Invoice from The Islander for printing of lawn care bid request for 4 weeks was $168.00, rather than the $192.00 original quote approved by the Commission. Sue will pay $168.00.

Burials/Lot Sales – Sue received an inquiry about the possibility of purchasing a lot for a green burial or burying without a vault for a Jewish person. Discussion followed. A natural burial is not possible, but the Grand Isle Cemetery regulations allow the Commissioners to approve a burial without a vault, or vault without a bottom could be used. Sue will contact the person for more information about their needs.

Lawn Care Bids – Only one bid was received. Bushway Property Services (Ronnie Bushway) bid $45.00 per hour to care for the 3 cemeteries from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. His Insurance is valid. Brian moved to accept the bid. Lucille seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

Work session on Commissioners’ manual. Map indicating location of Hoag and Quaker Cemeteries was added. Lucille will check on current statutes for natural burial. Copies of “Digging Deep” and “Digging a Little Deeper” need to be printed from the Secretary of State’s website.

Brian moved to adjourn, Sue seconded. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Next meeting March 12, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary