GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Grand Isle Town Office

Meeting was called to order by Valerie Hunter, Chair, at 4:35 p.m.

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

Organization of Commission

Sue Lawrence nominated the following slate of officers:

Valerie Hunter – Chair

Brian Allen – Vice Chair

Susan Lawrence – Secretary/Administrator

Lucille Campbell – Recording Secretary

Brian Allen seconded. Passed with all in favor.

Consensus to keep the meeting date on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

Additions or deletions to the agenda: Canadian flags added to Old Business by Lucille.

Sue moved to approve the minutes of Feb. 12, 2024. Brian seconded. Passed.

Financial Report :

Sue reported that Melissa Boutin moved $11,641.95 from “Due From/To” to the Money Market account. As of Feb. 28, 2024 the Money Market balance was $28,463.01.

CD (land fund) balance $100,403.75, interest rate is 0.030%, matures May 28, 2024.

CD (trust fund) balance $18,083.69, interest rate is 4.4%, matures Feb. 19, 2025.

Securities (stocks) report has not come. Brief discussion concerning taking out the dividends, selling the stock, or leaving as is.

Lawn Care & Maintenance:

Sue presented an invoice that Melissa Boutin, Town Clerk, received by e-mail on **Feb. 22, 2024** from Cody Crary of C & C Repair, South Hero. The invoice is dated **Sept. 26,** **2021 and due Oct. 26, 2021.** Cost of repairs on the old Cub Cadet cemetery tractor was $1,818.06. Invoice was made out to “Ira McCrea” not Ilyo McCray. Discussion followed with comments that Sue had asked Cody Crary twice for a bill after Ilyo passed away in Dec. 2022, and had received nothing. Val felt that we should pay only 50% of the amount charged, because the bill was 2 ½ years late. Brian moved to offer C&C repair 50% ($910) of the bill due to the lateness of the bill and that there was no authorization from the cemetery for the work. Lucille seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion as to whether to reply by U.S. Postal Service or e-mail. Consensus was to e-mail Cody Crary. Lucille will draft a letter and send it to Commissioners for review before e-mailing it to C&C Repair.

Burial without vault update:

Sue reported that she had spoken again to Ruby Perry and suggested using a vault with no bottom. That was not acceptable. A natural burial within 3 days of death is the method they want. Discussion concerning (a.) what other cemeteries in the state do for natural burials, (b.) whether a natural burial could be permitted in the Holland lot in Sect. B if there was room for two full burials. Ruby is part of the Holland family, (c) whether a lot in Sect I could be designated as a natural burial lot and what that would entail, (d.) what would happen if the burial needed to take place when the cemetery was closed. Sue will check on the size and number of burials in the Holland lot. Sue will contact Ruby Perry again to let her know that we need to do more research before a decision can be made.

Tractor – Brian will see if it starts and will advertise it in Front Porch Forum.

Flags:

Lucille reported that the Stove and Flag Store has Canadian flags in stock at $4.00 each. Sue moved to have Lucille order 2 Canadian flags. Brian seconded. All in favor.

Future projects:

another section of fence at the Grand Isle Village Cemetery

repairing the inside of the vault

Quaker fence treatment with Wet & Forget – that can wait a year

Brian moved that we contact Tom & Pete (Half Moon Stone Works) and Matt Sears from Sunset Fence for estimates. Lucille seconded. All in favor. Lucille will contact the two companies.

Sue moved to adjourn. Suzanne seconded. Passed. Adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Next meeting April 9, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary