

MINUTES OF THE NORWICH CEMETERY COMMISSION

April 24, 2024

Members present: Dan Goulet, Wilbert "Scooter" Hardy, Emily Myers and Bonnie Munday. Guests present: Judy Trussell and Jayne Keller

- 1.) The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the Norwich Congregational Church Parish Hall.
- 2.) Grant Applications - Emily submitted two grant applications this spring. The first was to the Norwich Lions club to help with funds for brush removal around Beaver Meadow Cemetery. The second was to The Norwich Women's Club for headstone tools and cleaning products. As of this meeting, the Commission has not been notified about the verdict of either of the grants.
- 3.) Invoice for brush clearing at the Beaver Meadow Cemetery (BMC) from Peter Guillette - The Commission review and approved Peter's invoice the work he completed. Peter did a wonderful job removing all of the brush from around the perimeter of BMC.
- 4.) Contract for mowing - The Commission will sign a contract with S&S Ground Care again this year to provide the lawn maintenance of our two large cemeteries, Hillside Cemetery and Union Village Cemetery. Fred Smith's Lawn service will maintained Fairview, Beaver Meadow, New Boston, Meeting House and Waterman Hill cemeteries.
- 5.) Planning for upcoming Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) Workshop - The VOCA will hold workshop/work day at BMC on the 25th of May from 8:00 to ~12:00. The purpose of this workshop/work day is to instruct volunteers how to properly clean headstones. They VOCA will also teach volunteers how to properly fix broken and leaning headstones. The Commission has been collaborating with members of the Beaver Meadow community to organize a group of volunteers as well as tools and required supplies. A message will be sent out on listserv inviting all members of the community to come, watch, help and learn on the 25th. We hope that this will be the start of community members getting involved to help properly clean/restore headstones in the future.
- 6.) Tree Removal around New Boston Road Cemetery (NBRC) - Scooter has identified hazardous trees around the perimeter of NBRC that will cause damage to headstones

when they fall. He has started to get quotes from local arborists and will report back about the findings at the next meeting.

7. Any other business that comes before the Cemetery Commission - The Union Village Cemetery also needs brush cleaned up around the perimeter. The commission will focus efforts on this clean up after the NBRC.

3. No other business that come before the Cemetery Commissioners. Expected next meeting in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily P. Myers, Cemetery Commission member