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GRAND ISLE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2021 via Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Ilyo McCray at 3:36 p.m.

Present: Lucille Campbell, Val Hunter, Sue Lawrence, Ilyo McCray, Jane Pomykala.

Motion made by Val and seconded by Jane to accept the minutes of February 9, 2021. Passed.

Organization of Commission: Sue moved to keep officers the same, Jane seconded. All in favor, passed.

Chair: Ilyo McCray

Vice Chair: Val Hunter

Secretary: Sue Lawrence

Recording Secretary: Lucille Campbell

Jane reported on her discussion with Steve Plouffe regarding paupers’ graves and columbaria. He advised that columbarium niches are not selling well in Vermont.

He would be willing to walk the cemetery site and advise as to possible location of pauper graves. Jane will contact him to arrange a meeting at the Cemetery in late April. Jane will also contact Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Albans for information about the x-ray method they are using to detect graves.

Discussion about possible available land for future expansion of the cemetery, and if there is land abutting the Hoag/Allen Cemetery that could be used. Sue will check the tax maps for ownership.

Sue received the Cemetery balance sheet report from Melissa Boutin for the current year through Feb. 8. Total Cemetery assets are $235,986.93 including stocks, CD, Money Market, Cemetery Trust Fund and Town appropriation. The rest of the Commission had not seen the report and had questions regarding interest, investment gain and loss, trust and perpetual care funds. Consensus was to table further discussion on finances until we can meet with Melissa in April. Commissioners are to get their questions to Lucille who will compile them and send to Melissa so she can prepare answers.

Brief discussion on replacing front fence at Grand Isle Cemetery. Sue moved to have Lucille check with fence companies to see if they are interested in giving an estimate for the project. Val seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Item not on the agenda: Sue has no more room in the main vault for the storage of Cemetery agendas and minutes. She checked with Secretary of State’s office: all records must be retained. Lucille made the motion that records up to five years old be kept in the main vault and all others be stored in the basement vault. Val seconded, motion passed.

Lucille asked about VFW purchasing flags again this year. Sue will contact Mike Guernsey about this.

Val made a motion to adjourn, Sue seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Next meeting April 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary