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CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Meeting was called to order at the Grand Isle Town Office, Listers’ Room at 3:34 p.m. by Ilyo McCray, Chair.

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

Others present: Melissa Boutin, Anna-Marie DeMars

Val moved to approve the minutes of October 13, 2020, Lucille seconded, passed.

Anna-Marie DeMars` was invited to present questions and comments from the Selectboard about the FY 2021-22 Cemetery budget. Wide-ranging discussion ensued concerning Cemetery fund balance, monies from the Russell and Hanson Funds, the stocks, funding future projects and developing the FY 2021-22 budget.

Anna relayed that the Selectboard had questioned that the Cemetery Commission had hired a caretaker, but had found out that as a Cemetery Commission we were allowed to do so.

The Selectboard does not want to have a level-funded Cemetery budget, but rather for the Cemetery Commission to spend down all the of fund balance before requesting money from the taxpayers. It was explained that the majority of the fund balance was put in a CD to fund future additional land for cemetery needs. Because of restrictions on the land surrounding the Grand Isle Cemetery, there is no way to expand at the present cemetery.

Melissa recommended that the prior year’s fund balance from lot sales, Hanson Fund and Russell Fund be used for the FY 2021-22 budget. Discussion concerning the restrictions on the use of Russell and Hanson funds. Consensus of the Cemetery Commission was to ask the town attorney to clarify how those funds could be used. Melissa also recommended that money coming from the Russell and Hanson be earmarked for specific purposes so she could account for it in the line items.

Anna-Marie left the meeting after commenting that she had learned a lot about the Cemetery, its funds, and future needs. Melissa left the meeting.

Sue moved that the Cemetery funds in the CD valued at $102,059 as of May 2020 be earmarked as a land fund account. Val seconded. Passed, all in favor.

The FY 2021-22 revised budget was developed as follows:

Income total of $4,500 as follows:

$500 -Russell Fund

$300 – Hanson Fund

$2500 – lot sales

$500 – sale of cornerstones

$500 – grave opening fees

$200 – perpetual care fee

Expense total of $22, 500 as follows:

$20,000 – lawn care

$2,000 – caretaker

$500 – cornerstones

Val moved to present the revised budget to the Selectboard on Nov. 16, Lucille seconded. Motion passed, all in favor.

Val moved to approve a budget of $18,000 to present to the Selectboard on Nov. 16, Lucille seconded. Motion passed, all in favor.

Lucille moved to rescind Val’s first motion to present the revised budget as no amount was included in that motion. Sue seconded, motion passed, all in favor.

Val moved to adjourn, Jane seconded, passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Next meeting, Dec. 8, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille Campbell, Recording Secretary