

CEMETARY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2017
OLD VILLAGE OFFICE – 6:PM

Present at the Cemetery Commission meeting were the following: Forrest Hicks, Chair, Neal Houston, Priscilla Margola, Secretary. Bob Scott was absent.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. An addition to the Agenda was for signs for both North Hill and Heartwellville Cemeteries.

Approval of Agenda: Neal moved to approve the agenda with additions, Priscilla seconded, so voted.

We reviewed the meeting minutes for March 2017 and approved them as written. Priscilla made a Motion to approve, Neal seconded, so voted. There was no quorum in March, so the approval was moved to April, 2017. Raymond Eilers completed the one-year vacancy. Forrest asked for clarification from VLCT regarding the make up of the Cemetery Commission. Normally there are 5 members on this board. Because of Ray's resignation and that a Notice was posted in the three appropriate places, with no one stepping forward to apply for this position, Carl Andeer, Esq., Staff Attorney, sent a notice to Forrest that we "may appoint someone to fill the vacancy at a duly warned meeting of the commission." The Commission can proceed with four(4) members until a fifth member is appointed.

A thank you note will be sent to Ron Waterman for picking up the North Hill sign that had been blown down by the wind. He attached it back to the pole with a little chain to further prevent it from becoming detached again. Ron Waterman gave an estimate to Forrest for a new sign for \$850.00. We must decline his offer as it is quite expensive. Forrest will ask Mark Lowe if he would be interested in creating a new sign for the North Hill Cemetery and what he would charge. Neal made a motion to ask Mark Lowe, Priscilla seconded, so voted.

New business:

It was voted to elect the same officers for 2017. Forrest Hicks-Chair; Bob Scott-Assistant Chair and Priscilla Margola, Secretary.

We also set Tuesday at 6:00 pm as our meeting date from now on. Neal made a Motion to change with Priscilla seconding, so voted.

We reviewed our budget as set forth by the Select board and the following amounts are: \$13,000.00 for our operating budget which covers Lawn Mowing; \$10,000.00 placed in our Capital fund; and \$5,000.00 placed in our Gate fund.

The mowing contract has been signed by the Commissioners and Mr. Dix and will run from July 1st, 2017 to June 30th, 2018 for the amount of \$8,400.00. Motion by Neal and seconded by Priscilla, So Approved.

Forrest, Neal and Priscilla then did a site visit to the Village Cemetery and Heartwellville Cemetery to make a listing of the stones that are laying flat for Tom Maroni and Joel Hicks to set upright when they begin.

Village Cemetery: On hill facing E. Main Street, a stone is laying face down, cannot see name. This needs a new foundation.

Need to seal cracks in roadways. Little white stone broken in three parts, in front of Houghton stone. Small stone cracked lying between 2 Walker stones. Stone lying on ground by Charles Bishop stone.

Heartwellville Cemetery: Birch stone beside Frank Leslie needs foundation. Stone named Cutter & wife needs repair, this is next to Maple tree. Lucy Canedy is off the foundation, Pettee stone is laying flat.

Priscilla made a Motion to adjourn at 7:45pm, Neal seconded. So Voted. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 16th, at 6:00pm.

Priscilla Margola, Secretary