

APPROVED MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2017
6:00pm
Old Village Office

The meeting was brought to order at 6:51pm with the following board present: Forrest Hicks, Chair, Neal Houston, and Priscilla Margola, Secretary. Neal made a Motion to approve the Agenda, with Priscilla seconding, so passed.

Forrest presented 7 invoices to be signed. The minutes of July 6th, 2017 were read and Forrest voted to approve with 2 corrections, Neal seconded, so passed.

Our walking tour of the Heartwellville Cemetery was with Neal, Forrest, Priscilla, Joel and Tom. The stones that Joel and Tom had marked with a stake and ribbon were righted and cleaned and look wonderful. Tom and Joel had made a listing of all the stones, 41 in all that had legible dates and names on them, including Franklin Bellow, a Civil War Veteran who died July 20th, 1864. The rest of the grave markers will be cleaned and put on new bases, after the remaining stones at South Hill Cemetery are completed.

Mark Lowe has completed the Heartwellville sign. He had reconstructed the frame and painted it using his own material and Joel and Tom will reinstall it on the current pole at the cemetery. Even though Mark only asked for \$50.00, the board with a Motion by Neal and seconded by Priscilla, voted to pay him \$100.00 for the work done.

Next, we will do a site visit on Wednesday, the 9th, at 9am to South Hill Cemetery to review the progress that has been made there. Interesting fact that at one time there was a road that ran along the stream bank at the back of the cemetery. That is why the stones there are facing that way. As the stones are cleaned and placed on new concrete bases, they will be turned so that they can be read from Bosley Hill Road. The Board is very pleased with the progress that has been made at South Hill by Tom and Joel. There are approximately 20 stones left to clean and place on concrete bases. Our goal is to complete South Hill this year.

The Town had sent a notice to all boards and commissions with the offer to supply an outside person to take minutes and do the postings to place on the Town website. It was discussed and we respectfully reject their offer with a Motion by Forrest and seconded by Neal, so passed. Forrest had sent a memo to the Select board stating that many times the Chair and the Secretary have trouble getting the draft minutes and Agenda onto the website as required per the Open Meeting Law even though they were sent to the proper email address for Debbie Calnan.

Forrest presented a listing of our Capital budget and Base budget for 2017. We are doing very well as it shows the hours for Joel and Tom. Also, what has been spent for supplies needed to do the work on the stones at the Cemeteries. Neal had received a request from someone looking for the grave of a Chapman who was born in or buried in Readsboro. We will ask Tom Maroni and Al Scaia of the Historical Society to see if they are familiar with that person.

Hearing no further business, Neal made a Motion to adjourn at 7:20pm and seconded by Priscilla. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017.

Priscilla Margola, Secretary