

Town of Readsboro
Cemetery Commission Meeting
Nov 10th, 2016
---DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AND SIGNED---

The meeting was brought to order at 6:00pm with the following present: Forrest Hicks, Bob Scott, Neal Houston, and Ray Eilers. Priscilla Margola absent.

The minutes of October 24th, 2016 were approved as written. A motion was made by Ray Eilers and seconded by Neal Houston. So voted.

Agenda, Additions or Corrections:

None.

Old Business

The trees marked at the Village Cemetery for an access road to the undeveloped section have been viewed by the Commission members. A motion was made by Forrest Hicks and seconded by Neal to have Danny Birch cut and remove the marked trees at no cost to the Cemetery Commission. So voted.

New Business

Budget decisions were made at this meeting. The budget requests are as follows:

General budget: A motion was made by Bob Scott and seconded by Ray Eilers to request that the Cemetery Commission request a level funded general budget of \$14,000.00 for the fiscal year 2017-2018.

Capital reserve fund budget: A motion was made Neal Houston and seconded by Ray Eilers that we request an article for \$15,000.00 for gravestone repairs, and Village Cemetery gates. \$5,000.00 of this money would be reserved each year until the money required is in hand for installation of the Village Cemetery gates. So voted.

A lengthy and lively discussion was held with regards to the various ways we have preformed the gravestone work. These included the use of more efficient ways to prepare foundations and pour cement. The one Cemetery per year work system used in the past was discussed and challenged. A discussion followed that we look at all four cemeteries and determine which stone are most needy of repair. If this concept is adopted the Commission would select the most needy stone in each Cemetery for repair. The efficiency associated with many moves was discussed. I was decided to further evaluate this approach. It was decided that the April 2017 meeting would be a site visit to all four Cemeteries to look at the priority stone repairs for that cemetery. It was decided the May Cemetery meeting be site visits with the gravestone repair crew and receive there input. At that time decisions will be made for the gravestone repair work for the year.

Signing of bills: None

Respectfully submitted,

Forrest Hicks
Chairperson