

Town of Readsboro
Cemetery Commission Meeting
May 12th, 2016
--Draft until approved--

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with the following present: Forrest Hicks, Chair; Bob Scott, Neal Houston, Priscilla Margola, Tom Maroni, Sexton, and Joel Hicks. Ray Eilers came later.

Agenda, Additions or Corrections One Agenda item was included which was to address the wall at the Village Cemetery which was hit by a snowplow. Neil made a Motion to approve with Bob seconding, so voted.

Forrest made a Motion to approve the minutes of April 14th, as written, Neal seconded, so voted.

Old Business: The status of the tree in the Heartwellville Cemetery was next discussed. Wimmelman Tree Service of Wilmington has been waiting until the ground is firm enough to support his trucks and equipment in order to take the tree down. Ray Eilers was brought up to date about the condition of the tree and to why the Commission feels it must be cut down, as it is leaning towards several gravestones with the possibility of upending several of them. We have spoken to the Selectboard about having Wimmelman perform the duties of cutting down the tree and disposing of it and they are in agreement with us.

New Business:

We have also spoken with them about forming a long-range plan to extend the properties of both the South Readsboro and the Village Cemetery. A section at the South Readsboro has been cleared of trees, with just the stumps needing to be removed. This will open up a new area for future burials. Also the new section at the Village Cemetery would require a road to be constructed to there. We explained to the Select board that these expansions would be within the next five to 10 years, and that we would like to form a committee having at least one member of the Select board, two Cemetery Commissioners, and two members of the community to work together to bring these expansions into reality. Forrest will post a request for interested people to join this committee. Priscilla made a Motion with Neal seconding, so voted.

Next discussed was the ongoing cleaning and repairing stones at the South Readsboro Cemetery. Forrest stated to Tom that we wish him to do no more than one row at a time. Complete that row and then start another one. Tom said that he had two more rows to complete and would be done. Bob spoke about damage to the wall along East Main St of the Village Cemetery.

He suggests that we ask to be put on the agenda of the next Select board meeting to have the Town repair this wall. Priscilla will ask Rebecca Stone to put us on the agenda. Bob asked Ray Eilers if he would agree to be the overseer for the South Readsboro Cemetery. Because Priscilla was the Secretary that her name be removed and our new member, Ray Eilers be added as the new overseer. Neal made a Motion to appoint Ray as the new overseer and remove my name, with Bob seconding, so voted.

Joel Hicks made a request to the Commissioners that he and Tom be given a raise as they have not had one for a couple of years. With the fine work that both have been doing it was agreed to bring the subject up at our next meeting in June. A suggestion was made of an amount of \$10.00 & \$14.00. Tom has donated the use of his van to transport needed supplies and a raise would be appropriate for him and Joel.

Tom asked for more screened loam to be available. Forrest has been in contact with the National Grid that has been doing work down by the Harriman Station. He has been informed that there may be an opportunity to have several yards of screened loam free of charge. Hopefully this will be. Barry has been screening loam for us at no charge.

Hearing no further business, our next meeting will be June 9th, 2016. Forrest made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm with Bob seconding. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Margola
Secretary