

Fremont Cemetery Trustees Meeting

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The Meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm by Thomas in the basement room of the Town Hall.

Present were: Matthew Thomas, Jeanne Nygren, Michael Nygren, Scott Cook, Heidi Carlson and Shawn Perreault (arrived late). The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

J. Nygren made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2021 as amended, seconded by M. Nygren. Motion passed 3-0.

Next year's budget – Carlson asked the Trustees to start thinking about next year's budget. The budget is due at the end of the month.

Electrical pole at Leavitt Cemetery - Carlson informed the Trustees that putting the electric into the Leavitt cemetery is now about a \$10,000 job. The Eversource quote was about \$6,000 and then there is a cost to set the poles, which was thought to be in the original quote, but is a separate number from another vendor. Then we also have to pay an electrician to run the line. Further discussion was held. M. Nygren stated Leavitt doesn't really require the electricity. We have good gas-powered equipment and no one is going in to work in the cemeteries when it is dark. M. Nygren made a motion to dispense putting electricity in the Leavitt Cemetery at this time, seconded by Thomas. Motion passed 3-0.

Leavitt Side Stone Wall - There is a huge difference in height between the cemetery and the Martin property. Carlson stated that Martin has offered to start chipping away at the wall and remove it. The thought being we could get down to a certain level that can be left as a foundation of sorts, and then build up if necessary, or install a fence of some kind. Thomas was concerned about the Martin's flower bed. Carlson stated Mr. Martin felt he could do it, due to him being in heavy construction and the knowledge that brings him. Carlson offered to have another conversation with them, and feels this would be the best way to go for all involved. Thomas made a motion to table the work until we have further information, seconded by J. Nygren. Motion passed 3-0.

J. Nygren stated she priced the jersey barriers. Each barrier is about \$1,100 and each one is about 8 feet. This doesn't include putting them in. We have to price out a chain link fence too.

Replace the Leavitt wall with a green chain link fence – M. Nygren stated he measured from the existing fence in the back of the cemetery near the "hole" over to the new shed. He stated it is approximately 140 feet. M. Nygren stated the measurements or needed fencing would depend on how we wanted to close it up. The existing fence in the back is on a downward slope and almost even with the ground. He feels to fence in a portion of land that won't be used is silly. He felt it would be better to just leave the back fence there and add the new fencing up to the new shed. Further discussion was held. Thomas stated that the hole on our side of the property might be a good spot to put any excess dirt from burials. J. Nygren stated if we do that, we would need to put a gate in for access. M. Nygren and Cook discussed using the extra loam from burials to level out any areas that needed it. Cook agreed the extra loam could be used like that. Further discuss was held.

J. Nygren wants to have Perreault get quotes on the fencing. We need the numbers to see what we can do this year as opposed to putting it next year's budget. M. Nygren suggested seeing what we could do this year and then putting the walls all in one project and asking the voters for the one time lump sum.

All Phase Completing Gravel work – We received a quote to finish the gravel work on rows A and B of the new section of Leavitt as well as the straightway from the road to the shed. The quote was for \$5,540 and it will be completed by the end of the year. J. Nygren stated between the project line and

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the equipment line, there is enough to cover the cost. Thomas made a motion to approve All Phase completing the gravel work, seconded by M. Nygren. Motion passed 3-0. A PO will be prepared to dedicate these funds.

Repairs/Replacement of Equipment – Cook stated that things looked good. There was one repair that needed to be made, which he took care of. He doesn't see anything else, at this time, that will need repairing or need to be replaced. Cook stated he made ramps for the new shed and he will leave them, if the company doesn't send the ramps we were waiting for. J. Nygren stated they are due to arrive on July 13th. Extra keys have been received as well.

Village Trees – J. Nygren asked if the Trustees should have a tree company come in and trim all the trees in the Village Cemetery with the permission of the abutting neighbors. They might be able to do it this year, this could be a steep price, especially with accessing them. This would be instead of removing the trees on the left hand side of Leavitt. There is concern regarding a tree that belongs to the neighbor which is rotted. It has pushed into the cemetery wall about 4 or 5 inches. Cook wondered if they could cable the rotting tree to keep it from falling. J. Nygren wondered if the neighbor was aware that if the cemetery was damaged in anyway, they would be responsible for the costs. Perreault/Carlson will ask Bolduc for a quote. Further discussion was held.

Perreault arrived at approximately 1:00 pm.

Sealing the Village Cemetery roads – Cook stated keeping up with the mowing has been taking all his time. Also, the road closest to the shed has a lot of frost heaves from the winter. It may be possible to complete this once mowing slows.

Front Stone walls at Village/Leavitt Cemetery – crack/loss stones - M. Nygren stated that both of these walls were going to need repairs in the near future. You can see the gaps where loss stones have fallen.

Cutting trees down in the back left hand side of Leavitt – J. Nygren feels the money would be better spent trimming the trees at Village this year and then putting this into next years budget. Thomas stated they should at least get the big trees out of there, even if they don't clear the whole left side. Otherwise, the cost will be huge when the time comes.

Putting an Ad in the paper for a cemetery maintenance person/\$15.00 starting wage – All the Trustees agree this is needed. Perreault stated that Brentwood is also putting their clean-up out to bid as well. Thomas made a motion to approve the \$15.00/hour rate and place the ad in the paper, seconded by J. Nygren. Motion passed 3-0.

Sexton Report – The RFP's were completed and ready to post and send out for the clean-ups. Perreault has them coming back to her before meeting. Perreault stated she is going to open the proposals sent in and make sure that all the information is there. If not, she will get the anything that is missing. The hope being the Trustees will have what they need to make decisions.

Gerry Tilley's mom is the only outstanding burial. The family has not set a date yet, but are thinking around October. They are going to do a burial first and then a memorial service at the church.

Perreault spoke with Lavelle regarding his lots, per the barter agreement. He choose his lots, Perreault just needs to complete the deed, have the Select Board sign it and send in the cornerstone order. There were a couple of inquires regarding lot pricing as well.

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Perreault provided the Trustees with the responses from the New Hampshire Cemetery Association regarding the pauper graves. Perreault explained how Brentwood handles it and that any requests would go through the Town's welfare department by NH RSA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Thomas, seconded by M. Nygren. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Date of the next meeting is July 27th at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Perreault

Cemetery Sexton