

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm in the basement meeting room, Fremont Town Hall. Present at the meeting were: Chair: Matthew Thomas, Jean Nygren, Michael Nygren (who arrive at 4:28), Scott Cook, Shawn Perreault and Heidi Carlson. The Pledge of Alliance was said.

OLD BUSINESS

J. Nygren mad a motion to approve the August 11, 2020 minutes with no changes, seconded by Thomas. Motion passed with a vote of 2-0.

West land

Appraisal, Survey, & Soil Test

Carlson stated she met with Mr. West. The homestead has been put up for sale. The family is still interested in making a new cemetery. They are just not sure if it will be 2 acres across the street or land behind to the current Hoyt cemetery. Carlson reviewed both options and their respective fees and requirements with Mr. West, so he knows all his options. The family is not ready to make a decision yet, but they are still interested in moving forward and will let the Town known when a decision is made. Thomas asked if money could be encumbered from this year's budget to go towards the cemetery project? Carlson stated the Selectmen are looking into all options, encumbering fund included, but in order encumber funds a contract must be in place. The Selectmen have until Dec. 31st to encumber any funds. Carlson has quotes form the different companies for all the different phases of the new cemetery process. They are all recent. J. Nygren asked if it went behind the original cemetery, what will be involved. Carlson believes it would be the same process. We need to make sure the Hoyt cemetery is on Town land. It would be a land lot adjustment instead of subdivision. Thomas informed the Trustees that the land does drop off at the back of the original cemetery and would need to be filled to be made level. Carlson stated there might be some additional site costs associated with adding to the existing cemetery. She believes the \$5,000 dollars in the project line would be enough to do most of the project regardless of which option the family chooses. Further decision was held.

Carlson informed the Trustee that the Budget Committee did recommend the cemetery budget.

Carlson presented the Trustees with a grave rubbing from Corey West. The grave was of a child, 13 months old. The Trustees will find a place to hang it either in the Town Hall or Museum.

Leavitt Cemetery – Update

There are not updates. J. Nygren asked Perreault to contact Blue Sky about when this fall clean up might be happening and to get a quote for a Spring clean-up. She also requested Perreault call All Phase to find out a more specific timeline for the Leavitt project. The Trustees would like to order a shed and new equipment and want to make sure things are delivered after the work is complete.

Village Shed Roof – Update

J. Nygren stated the roof looks very nice. Thomas asked when it was completed. Cook/Perreault stated it happened in one day at the end of August, around the 26th.

NEW BUSINESS**Report From Cemetery Sexton**

Perreault informed the Trustees that the only open burial was Shirley Nelson. She is still waiting to hear from the funeral home once the family is ready to move forward. Perreault and the Trustees discussed the number of burials, which have been higher than prior years. Perreault informed the Trustees some of this was due to no Winter burials as well as Covid. Due to Covid restrictions, families waited until they could have more people at the graveside. Things have settled. Thomas asked Perreault if she has been able to handle everything with the restrictions. She informed the board that everyone has been very understanding on the new procedures in place.

Cemetery Report – S. Cook

Cook stated he removed a lot of the grass from the cracks in the roads at Village Cemetery. He is able to buy sealer by the gallon, however, if he does it the cemetery would need to be closed for at least a day. It takes time to set. He thinks, although more expensive, it might be better to hire a company. They put it on hot and it doesn't need to dry all day. Thomas stated we can close the cemetery. J. Nygren wondered if that is something the Highway department can do? She will check with Carlson. Thomas only concern was making sure we don't have burials around the time it is done.

Thomas informed Cook that he has had some complaints about brush piles at Hoyt. Cook stated he has not been over there. Thomas suggested Cook could bring the pile to the front between the wall and the road and the Highway Department could pick it up. Cook will check with the Highway Department to see if they can do it and, if so, how they would like to have it done.

M. Nygren joined the meeting at 4:28 pm.

Fremont Garden Club

Thomas informed the Trustees the Fremont Garden Club has 5 eight foot granite posts and 1 five foot post available for purchase. They wanted know if the Trustees were interested, cost is \$150.00 each. Trustees didn't see a current need. J. Nygren stated storing would be an issue. Thomas suggested in the Village Cemetery shed. Cook stated maybe a pallet behind the shed. Thomas will inform the Garden Club that the Trustees are not interested at this time.

Current budget/project report

J. Nygren stated Carlson took out the money for All Phase. We have \$13,000 left, but we haven't taken out the clean-ups. Thomas asked Cook how the mowing was going. Cook stated he did go over after the last big rain, but everything is pretty much caught up. J. Nygren asked Cook if he needed to replace any equipment? Cook stated not at this time. He has not put the rain barrels out yet. J. Nygren stated looking at the current budget, it appears there is enough to still buy the shed and equipment to fill it for the Leavitt Cemetery.

J. Nygren informed the board of two prices on sheds: 1. 8x12 wooded shed with large doors and a large window for \$1,100.00. 2. 8x10 shed with big doors with a skylight window for \$800.00. This is before the Lowes 10% Veteran discount. Thomas is worried about having windows, he sees it getting smashed.

A discussion was held on which kind of mower and what other equipment should be purchased. It was determined purchasing both a small ride on and a push mower would be the right option. In addition, a weed whacker is needed, which Cook stated we already have. Thomas will price mowers and other equipment out and present it to the Trustees and Cook at the October meeting for review.

Thomas brought M. Nygren up to date on the West cemetery land donation. M. Nygren asked Perreault to check with Carlson about the current land use rules. Further discussion was held on what the Trustees thought the rules were. Perreault stated she would check with Carlson.

Cemetery Ordinance updates

Perreault went over the recommended changes she made to the current Ordinances. She informed the Trustees of her recommendations and then reminded them of the changes they are already spoken on, such as taking out the fees and inserting: see fee schedule as well as not naming a specific vendor. The Trustees asked Perreault to make all the corrections and send a draft to them. She agreed to do that and then have a final draft to present to the Trustees at October's meeting.

Thomas set the next meeting for 4:00 pm on Tuesday the 20th of October.

Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 4:55 pm, seconded by J. Nygren. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Perreault
Cemetery Sexton