



Fremont Cemetery Trustee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2018

Approved: 3/19/2019

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Steve Harms at 4:03 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall. Present were: Cemetery Trustees: Matthew Thomas and Steve Harms, Cemetery Sexton: Shawn Perreault and Superintendent Bruce White.

Mr. Harms made a motion to approve the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes with no changes needed. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Superintendent Report – Mr. White removed the tree in front of the Meeting House. Most of the labor was done by Lloyd. It has made a huge difference in being able to see the Meeting House. A new mower was purchased. The new mower will make mowing around the stones much easier because it has caster wheels on it. Mr. White stated that when he has more help, we need to look into resetting some stones. Mr. Harms stated that he uses a monument company to do this in Hampstead. The cost is cheaper than you would think. The largest cost being the foundation. The monument companies have access to the right equipment as well. The Trustees have asked Mrs. Perreault to look into pricing from a few different companies. Mr. Harms recommended Atwood Memorial in Ward Hill (Bedford, MA) and Mortonson Dufresne Monument in Plaistow, NH, both are owned by the same family. Mr. Harms stated that he usually puts flags with numbers next to the stones in question and the company quotes each stone repair separately.

Blue Sky/Lawn Care – It was decided to go ahead and request quotes for lawn care maintenance and emergency from Blue Sky and any other Landscape companies.

Budget – The requested budget sent to the Bud. Com. was \$31,050.00, which was decreased by the Bud. Com. by \$7,300.00 resulting in a 2019 Cemetery Budget of \$23,750.00. Each line item was reviewed and the following motions were made by Mr. Harms and seconded by Mr. Thomas: To add \$500.00 back into the Cemetery Sexton line bring the new amount to \$3,500.00. There is a lot of work to do and the current Cemetery Sexton started in May. In addition, to add \$1,000.00 back into the Project line bringing the new request to \$5,500.00. The Trustees' feel the amount recommended by the Bud. Com. was too low due to the current projects that need to be completed. These motions bring the new budget request to \$25,250.00.

RFP Wells – The Trustees have decided to hold off requesting any RFPs for the wells at Leavitt and Village. Mr. Harms wants more time to see what is needed. Mr. Harms stated we might only need to create hand pumps for people to water their plants or flowers. We would never water the whole cemetery.

Cemetery Sexton – Was asked how recreating records was going. Mrs. Perreault stated things were going well, but it was a lot of work. Mrs. Perreault explained the process she was using. The Trustees were happy with the new process and when Mrs. Perreault stated she takes pictures of each site she is working on, Mr. Thomas asked her to save all the pictures to a flash drive for



future use and to preserve a history/record of the stones. Mrs. Perreault will obtain the flash drive and retake photos already deleted from her phone.

Cemetery Lot Fee – Mrs. Perreault provided the Trustees with an excel spreadsheet she created listing the cost of Cemetery Lots and Burial from surrounding towns. Fremont is inline with most of the town, with Exeter and Epping being the most expensive. Mr. Harms made a motion to raise the lot fee from \$300.00 to \$350.00 with the additional money being put in the Trustee Trust Fund. Mr. Thomas seconded, motion passed. Mrs. Perreault will contact Mrs. Carlson to find out the entire procedure that needs to be followed.

Expendable Trust Fund Warrant Article – Mr. Thomas feels it is important to place this on the ballot this year. Mr. Thomas made a motion to request \$3,000.00 from the voters to be placed in the account. This money to be used for any emergency, ie. Trees falling due to storms. Mr. Harms seconded the motion, which passed.

Next meeting – There is no meeting scheduled at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Harms to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mr. Thomas. Meeting was adjourned at 5:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Perreault  
Cemetery Sexton