

Town of Bridgewater
Cemetery Commissioners
Minutes of August 23, 2023
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Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Butch Wardwell
Present Commissioners: Owen Astbury, Greg Jenne and Nancy Robinson, Clerk

Additions/Changes to agenda: None

Butch moved to accept the minutes of July 19, 2023 as written. Owen seconded the motion and motion carried.

Discussion of work needed at both Baker Hill and Mt. Pleasant Cemeteries due to the recent flooding. The new road has washed at Baker Hill as well as both entrances at Mt. Pleasant. Butch has cleaned up some of the gravel that washed into the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Owen reported that Mike Olmstead had contacted him and he will repair the new road at Baker Hill Cemetery at no cost to the town. The new road may need a small pipe/culvert to keep it from future washing. Both entrances at Mt. Pleasant also need new culverts, may upsize to 12". Owen has spoken to Steve Tarleton, Road Commissioner about work at Mt. Pleasant which is in the town's right of way. Steve gave the ok to do the work. Owen moved to have Olmstead Property Services do the work needed at both Baker Hill and Mt. Pleasant, including installing culverts as needed. Culverts will be paid for from the Cemetery account. Butch seconded the motion and motion carried.

Butch reported that he had visited Topliff Cemetery and did not find any issues of ground settling or need of fill.

Owen has been in contact with Cy of Arbor Scape, they will cut the tree(s) at Baker Hill Cemetery as soon as they can get to the Cemetery. Arbor Scape will take "butt" log and will leave rest for Maguires to cut and remove.

Greg had a quote for hinges at the Mt. Pleasant vault. \$325.00 if hinges need repair and \$450.00 if hinges need to be replaced. Will discuss at next meeting.

Corner Stones are still on backorder at Twin State Monuments. Nancy has been in contact with Bowker's in West Rutland and Green Valley Memorial in Randolph to get quotes for corner stones. Bowker charges \$325.00 for 4 stones; Green Valley Memorials charges \$145.00 for 4 stones. Nancy was asked to contact Twin State one more time to inquire about status of order, if not ready, cancel and order stones from Green Valley Memorial.

Butch has met with Ansardy's who wish to purchase a lot at Mendell Cemetery and is meeting with Earle family next week to discuss sale of lot at Topliff Cemetery. Will give information to Nancy so that deeds can be prepared. O'Connell lots have been paid for and deed prepared and filed.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at 5:00 pm for site visits to Topliff and Mt. Pleasant Cemeteries. Commissioners will then proceed to the town office for regular meeting at approx. 6:00 pm.

Being no further business, Butch moved and Owen seconded to adjourn at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Robinson
Nancy Robinson, Clerk