

Glover Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 22, 2015; 8-8:40 AM, Town Clerk's Office

Present: Donna Sweeney, town clerk and sexton; and Cemetery Commission members Joan Alexander and Ricky Blanchard

1. Finances:

- Perpetual Care Fund (used to pay for mowing): \$12000
- Improvements Fund: \$2295.30
- Cemetery CD: \$63,981.90, with about \$100 interest to be added
- Stone Repair: \$41183.25, with \$2000 appropriation from 2015 town meeting still to be added

2. Westlook II fence:

Paul Trucott from the St. Johnsbury Corrections Center work crew has contacted us; we are still on his calendar for this summer. Nick Ecker-Racz has the lumber ready and under cover. Our further costs may include portable toilet/screws. We plan to leave the fence unstained and see how it looks.

3. Estimates to repair stones off base at Westlook:

We requested quotes from Bianchi Memorials and Garon St.-Sauveur Granite Company for work on two stones that need attention at Westlook. The top section of the French stone (279 Old North) was knocked off its base when a large branch fell two years ago; it has continued to slide and is dangerous. The Templeton stone (153, Section 3) has been toppled for many years and is too heavy to right without machinery, so it makes financial sense to have it repaired while the equipment is already there. We received an estimate from Scott Bianchi for fixing big two stones at Westlook for a total of \$400-500, depending on the time needed. We will need to do some cutting back of bushes at the Clark stone beforehand. We decided to use money from the stone repair fund to pay for this. Joan will contact distant French and Templeton descendants who have contacted the historical society/cemetery commission in the past to let them know in hopes they might help with the costs.

4. Filling Bob Clark's position on the commission:

We recognize with gratitude all the years of devoted service that Bob gave to the Cemetery Commission, and will miss his cheerfulness and dedication. Because of his death, the Select board has the responsibility to fill his position. Don Atkins has expressed interest and has had lots of experience with cemetery upkeep. We will suggest to the Selectboard that Don be appointed to serve in Bob's place.

5. Lake Region volunteers this summer at West Glover:

Theresa Perron has notified us that the Foundations Summer Program at Lake Region would like to do some community service hours in July at the West Glover Cemetery, continuing on with the brush clearing work they began last summer. The brush they clear will be piled and available for anyone to haul away.

We welcome any students who want to earn credits toward their Lake Region community service requirement by helping clear away overgrown bushes or help with simple stone righting/repair at any of Glover's cemeteries to contact us!

6. Other:

- Tree at West Glover near gate looks in danger of falling into the cemetery and taking down many stones. We will ask Nick Eckar-Racz, tree warden, to take a look at it, and give an estimate of cost to remove.
- Ricky filled in the hole by a grave in Section 7 near "Fourth Rd" at Westlook
- Ricky will contact Jon Perkins about seeding two of the new graves at Andersonville

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Alexander