

Glover Cemetery Commission Minutes

Thursday, May 5, 2016, 8 AM

Town Clerk's Office

Present: Donna Sweeney, Don Atkins, Joan Alexander, Jon Perkins

1. Ricky Blanchard not able to attend because of family illness.
2. Jon Perkins shared his thoughts about mounded grave at Andersonville:
If family still wants to change burial site, there are two options: 1) make a granite curbing around site, or 2) body could be exhumed (need to check if it whose responsibility it is to apply for the permit—funeral service, town or family); then, using an excavator/jack hammer, see if possible to break up ledge enough to lower casket more. Blasting is not an option because of all the other graves. Family does own eight lots in that row, so there is room to explore.
Joan will check with family to see what they are thinking. If they do decide to make a change, we will ask for signatures of all family members indicating their approval. Funeral service and town willing to help with costs if family decides to make changes. If the family wants to come and meet at the site with Jon, Sexton and Cemetery Commission members, family would just need to let us know the date in advance.
Jon will check out the site soon and let us know how it fared over the winter.
3. Review of finances:
Total: \$70,858.63
 - Checking: \$4.67; CD: \$64,075.75
 - Perpetual Care Fund (mowing): \$245.85 (2016 town meeting appropriation of \$12000 has not been transferred in yet)
 - Improvement Fund: \$2346.65
 - Stone Repair Fund: \$4185.71 (2016 town meeting appropriation of \$2000 has not been transferred in yet; Donna will check to see if 2015 appropriation was transferred in)
4. Summer projects consideration:
 - a. Olive Griffin alerts us that there are stump removal and fence repair needs at Andersonville (Don will check it out and see what could be done)
 - b. Joan will volunteer to lead Lake Region Community Service student volunteers this summer (Westlook II fence staining; Westlook fence restaining; clearing brush, resetting and repairing stones. Any funds needed for stain/epoxy/pea stone/ gravel could come out of Improvement Fund.)
 - c. Theresa Perron will be leading Lake Region Foundations Program volunteer work clearing brush, etc. at West Glover this July
 - d. We plan to host a workbee for community to repair/reset small stones at Westlook this summer
5. Other:
 - a. Question about whether the town receives any fees for burials: Yes, the funeral service pays \$100 for full burials and \$50 for cremations; the money goes into the Perpetual Care Fund
 - b. There are burials scheduled starting this Sunday, and there are old plastic plants and other refuse that needs to be picked up. Trevor Sweeney and other Lake Region students will do it on Saturday and the trash will be taken to the Green Up Day dumpster at the Town Garage.
6. Adjourn: 9:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Alexander