

Cemetery Commission Meeting

September 25, 2014

8:00 AM

Town Clerk's Office

Present: Donna Sweeney, sexton; Joan Alexander and Ricky Blanchard, cemetery commission members. Bob Clark had an appointment and could not attend.

Minutes

1. Report on Lake Region Community Service work at French & West Glover:

Theresa Perron, home school coordinator at Lake Region UHS, reported on the volunteer work students did this summer as part of their community service; work will continue this fall cutting brush at West Glover and installing a walk-bridge at French.

2. Fence at Westlook II:

Discussed three estimates for lumber and sawing for 325' cedar fencing at Westlook II; Nick Ecker-racz had the lowest bid.

Caledonia Work Camp had the lowest bid for installing and staining the fence, and would be able to do the work in the spring.

3. Progress on stone repair at West Glover and Westlook:

West Glover: Joan has met with Jerry St. Sauveur at West Glover to discuss work to be done; Jerry started the repair this week. Ricky met with Scott Bianchi at Westlook and Scott is planning to begin this week.

Any stones that are in too many pieces will not be repaired; if family members are known, they will be informed that we do not have money to cover badly broken stones, and that it is a family's responsibility to repair/replace stones.

4. Report on Glover Historical Society update on Westlook Cemetery Book

Eleanor Bailey and Jeannine Young have recorded all the town burial records since 2002 when the Westlook Cemetery book was published, and Joan recorded additional info inscribed on the stones. When the GHS publishes a new printing of the book soon, an addendum listing these most recent 100+ Westlook burials will be included.

5. Vermont Old Cemetery Association grant

Our application for a grant was resubmitted on May 1 (this time for stone repair, not for fencing costs). On June 12, 2014 our application was approved for \$750 to repair stones in Westlook and West Glover. We must submit before/after photos of the repairs before we receive the grant money. The VOCA grants administrator has contacted us to see how progress is coming along.

6. Review of budget for this year's mowing

Voted to move \$2000 from the Cemetery CD to the Perpetual Care fund to cover mowing costs for the rest of this year.

7. Other:

- Decided to ask the Selectboard for \$2000 in the next budget appropriated to the stone repair fund, and to increase the mowing appropriation by \$2000, increasing it from \$10,000, as it has been for the last several years, to \$12,000, as there is now more mowing to be done at Westlook II. The CD needs to be reserved for unforeseen costs like road repair, and for future costs that may come up, such as needing more land.
- Ricky will talk with John Perkins about filling in a sunken hole at Westlook.

Submitted by Joan Alexander