

TOWN OF GLOVER
Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – Municipal Building

Present: Joan Alexander, Theresa Perron-Janowski, Ricky Blanchard and Cindy Epinette.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00am
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes dated September 19, 2023 were approved.
3. **Financial Update:** Cindy indicated we have not spent any of the Stone Repair funds, therefore we will end the year with almost \$7,000 in the fund balance. There is a little over \$78,000 in the other accounts. We have not received an invoice from Kate Butler for the Memorial Garden work, nor Cole Alexander for the work he has done in the cemeteries. The expenses for the Memorial Garden will be paid from ARPA funds. Ricky has finished mowing for the year.
4. **Updates on:**
 - a. **Broken/down/leaning stone inventory:** Joan has inventoried the cemeteries. There are a total of 5 stones that are down (1 in Andersonville, 3 in West Glover and 1 in Westlook I), 9 broken stones (4 in West Glover and 5 in Westlook I), 64 leaning stones (5 in Andersonville, 8 in West Glover and 51 in Westlook I) and 8 stones that need professional services to fix (2 in Andersonville, 1 in West Glover and 5 in Westlook I). The Commissioners agreed that Joan should contract with Heritage Memorial to fix the 8 stones that need professional services.
 - b. **Westlook I:** Weather permitting, the rest of the fence may be painted this year. There are 5 stones that need to have brush removed to expose the stones.
 - c. **French:** It was suggested that we fill in some of the depressions to level the area out. This was discussed and decided to leave the depressions as is.
 - d. **Andersonville:** Thanks to the Boy Scouts the fence has been painted. The lock on the gate needs to be fixed.
 - e. **West Glover:** no update
 - f. **Westlook II:** Joan will contact Jeff Currier to see if he will brush hog the cemetery this year.
 - g. **Memorial Garden Update:** Thanks to Mike Pray, the walking path has been cleared. Kate and her crew have installed the staymat. The lumber is ready to be placed to define the walking path. Theresa will contact Kate to find out when the lumber will be installed, if she plans to plant any flowers this fall and request a bill for expenses to date so we can expenses paid on time. Cindy will follow up with Heritage Memorial regarding the boulder on Wesley Alexander's property. Cindy will research if the North, South, East and West columns can be made from stone or composit.
5. **Green/Natural Burial Update:** Cindy will research whether green/natural burial lots need to be mapped out by a professional before the lots are sold.
6. **Fence/Mowing Perimeter Plans:** Ricky has cleared a lot of brush along the Westlook I fence border. The fence at French, West Glover and Westlook I need to be replaced. Workbees will be scheduled next year to work on those fences.
7. **Sign Plans:** A sign needs to be posted for French, West Glover and Andersonville Cemeteries. Theresa will contact the Sign Depot to get a quote.
8. **Increasing the Number of Commissioners:** VLCT indicated that since the town elects the Commissioners, the town would need to vote to decide whether or not to expand the number of cemetery commissioners. It was suggested that increasing the number of Commissioners will get more folks interested in the care of the cemeteries. It was decided to draft an article proposing this change and ask

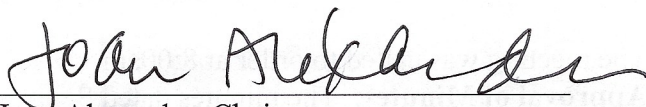
the Selectboard to include the article on the warning for the 2024 Town Meeting. The article would be in two parts (a) requesting approval for 2 additional commissioners and (b) electing those two additional members, if part (a) passed.

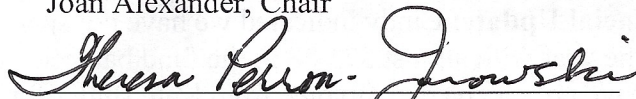
9. **Other:** none

10. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Epinette
Town Sexton/Transcriber


Joan Alexander, Chair


Theresa Perron-Janowski

Ricky Blanchard