

**TOWN OF GLOVER**  
**Cemetery Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 31, 2024 – Glover Public Library**

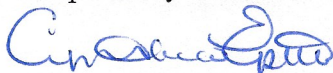
Present: Joan Alexander, Theresa Perron, Nick Ecker-Racz, Deb Wesoja and Cindy Epinette, Cemetery Sexton. Absent: Amy Wright.

1. The meeting was called to order at 5 pm. We were unable to meet at French Cemetery due to the weather.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes dated May 29, 2024 were approved.
3. **Financial update:** Cindy distributed the financial report. There is \$14,014 in the checking account, \$9,565 in the Perpetual Care account, \$2,381 in the Improvement account, \$9,939 in the Stone Repair account and \$67,416 in the CD. We have earned \$669 in interest from the CD, earned over the last 5 months, and received \$6,452 from donations. We have paid expenses of \$14,222.89 as of 7/31/24. Kate Butler charged \$3,642 for material and labor worked on the Memorial Garden. Everyone was in agreement that the Memorial Garden looks very nice. Next year, it was suggested the Cemetery Commissioners can spread the woodchips to save some money.
4. **Cemetery Updates:**
  - a. **Andersonville:** The latch on the gate needs to be fixed. Joan and Nick will research how to replace it.
  - b. **French:** The bridge is in place. The Commissioners are curious to know if there are any bodies buried in certain areas of French and West Glover Cemeteries. There are no markers, but it could be they have fallen and become buried or rotted away if they were wooden. Nick has contacted Alice Hurwood, a dowser, to see if she is interested in helping us with this project. She has expressed an interest. Nick will obtain a quote from her to see if it is financially reasonable to move forward.
  - c. **West Glover:** Tracy St Louis has removed one of the trees that was broken off. He has done a wonderful job. Nick will evaluate the other trees to determine if others should be taken down before they fall down and harm some stones. At the work-bee held on July 27<sup>th</sup>, there was a good turnout of volunteers (8 people) who worked a total of 23 hours, cleaning, resetting or repairing stones.
  - d. **Westlook I:** Waylan Young has finished painting the fence and repairing boards that had fallen down. He has started to work on the Westlook II fence. Theresa will contact Sherwin Williams to get more paint. Waylan told Joan that he has completed his 80 hours of community service required for graduation, and as has been our practice for workers who have worked out very satisfactory as volunteers, we will begin paying him minimum wage. Cindy will be in touch with him/his mom to get things set up.
  - e. **Westlook II:**
    - i. Traditional Burials: no update
    - ii. Natural/Green Burials: It was discovered that the dirt around the first green burial lot had settled, creating a sink hole around the edge of the coffin site. We spoke with Jon Perkins, who indicated because it was a green burial they cover the remains manually, they do not compress the ground for fear it will cause damage to the remains. Therefore, as the ground settles it creates a cavity that needs to be filled in periodically. He

stated he is responsible for filling in the cavity. Deb stated she is purchasing a headstone for her daughter and it will include a QCR code. The QCR code can be scanned and will bring you to a web page that shares with the reader who the person is, their interests, their history, etc. This is a new and informative way of getting to know those who have passed.

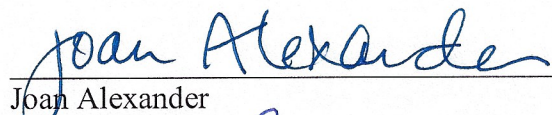
- iii. Memorial Garden: Each Cemetery Commissioner was encouraged to forage for the creeping thyme at the Newport rest area on interstate 91. Nick would like to know how the rates for the Memorial Garden were calculated.
5. **Next Workbee:** The next workbee is scheduled for Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at Andersonville Cemetery from 9am-Noon. Joan will post a notice in the Chronicle again.
6. **Fencing Workbee:** No update. Nick will contact a mill to identify the cost of black locust posts compared to cedar posts. The one concern he has with the black locust posts is that they may sprout branches if the wood is very green. The sprouts can be cut off.
7. **Brochure:** Amy provided an update of the brochure for review. It looks good. No changes were indicated. It was suggested that a second brochure be created to help family members navigate the whole funeral process, ie: Do you need to use a funeral home?, What does a funeral home do for you?, Where can you get a shroud/natural casket for a green burial?, What is the permit process?, etc. It could also include contact information. Nick suggested contacting Mariel Hess regarding green/natural burials, to get her perspective on things she learned along the way as well.
8. **Signage:** Nick will contact Dennis Gibson about providing some ideas for a wrought iron sign. He will also consult Courtney Mead at Rose Apple Acre B&B for their input.
9. **Other:** Joan proposed having a revolving leader to lead each meeting, in alphabetical order by last name. Theresa indicated she was not comfortable leading a meeting, Nick is willing to lead a meeting.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for August 28<sup>th</sup> at Andersonville Cemetery at 5pm.
11. **Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm**

Respectfully Submitted

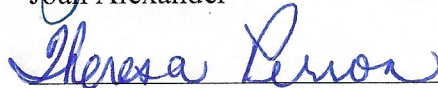


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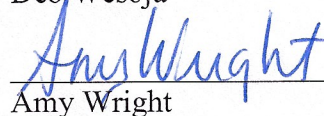
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