

Glover Cemetery Commission meeting  
July 19, 2022; 7 PM @ Glover Library

Call to order: 7:10

Agenda: to go over same agenda as discussed at July 13 meeting (present at that meeting: Sexton Jessica Sweeney; Assistant Sexton Cindy Epinette; and Joan Alexander from the Cemetery Commission.

As there was only 1 out of the 3 cemetery commissioners present at the July 13 meeting, another meeting was called for July 19. Present at this meeting: Cemetery Commissioners Theresa Perron and Joan Alexander; now a quorum of the commissioners with 2/3 present.

1. Approval of regulations: Joan reported that much work had been done on July 13. The Committee will review the proposed changes again at the next meeting.
2. Progress of surveying/deed to Westlook II- Nick informed Joanie that no formal deed will be created because the town owns the whole lot. However, Nick and Trish did survey the cemetery boundaries, and marked them with stakes, not metal pins. Nick put up tall orange stakes along the southern border.
3. Plans for green burial section: Joan shared what was discussed at the July 13 meeting. There is a concern about what to do when someone dies when the cemetery is closed. We do not open the traditional burial ground during the winter months because the funeral home can keep the embalmed body until spring, but with green burials the body needs to be placed in the ground as soon as possible. At the July 13 meeting, it was concluded that we would not offer natural burials from November-April, but that we would continue to investigate other options (like using our vault or looking for other cold storage options). At the July 19 meeting, the Commission discussed whether the green burial should be open year round and came to agree with that point of view. We discussed how if we had 3 natural burial graves dug, and then covered with plywood and some dirt/straw, and then arranged for the drive to be plowed (by the town crew?) as needed to keep it open enough so that it would be accessible if needed for a burial---or to have it NOT plowed regularly, but just opened up if needed—then we would be able to offer burials year-round.

Theresa suggested names of bushhoppers who could mow the strip to the north of the southern border stakes, and any other bushhogging might be needed: Dylan Bodette, Jeff Currier, Butch Currier.

4, 5, 6: Plans for Memorial Garden/fence replacement at Westlook I /fence replacement for sides and back: Joan shared the recommendations reached at July 13 meeting: we will consult with Topher & Marie Waring about the quality of the soil, maple trees will be planted, Jake Randall will remove the fence from Westlook I as he cleans the boundaries of his field, and we will look for another quote for the fences around all the cemeteries. Theresa agreed with all of them. Joan and Theresa liked the ideas about planting more than one maple tree in the memorial garden, due to the high weather exposure. Nick suggested planting more than one so you have a greater chance of one tree surviving. He also suggested that we plant a maple at all four corners of the cemetery to mark them.

7. Adjourned at 7:45

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Alexander, Glover Cemetery Commission