

Granville Cemetery Commission
Minutes
January 30, 2020
Granville Town Clerk Office

Call to order: 5 pm. In attendance: Mark Belisle, Cheryl Sargeant, Kate Stauss, Commissioners; Kathy Werner, Town Clerk; Norm Arseneault, Tree Warden

I. Public Communication and Comments

Follow-up letter from Julie and Peter Parker, available on file in the Town Clerk's Office, in regards the condition of trees and fence/gate of the South Hollow Cemetery.

II. Minutes of May 9, 2019 and January 3, 2020. Kate moved that both should be approved as written. Cheryl seconded. All in favor.

III. Old Business

1) Tree Removal at South Hollow Cemetery.

- The Commission reviewed and discussed Norm Arseneault's report on the condition of the trees as well as the two bids from Trees Incorporated and McCullough Bros.
- Kathy Werner presented the board with information on the Commission's current assets which includes \$2965 in our money market, received through sales of plots.
- Kate moved and Mark seconded that the Commission allocate \$2170.00 to Trees Incorporated to do the following work:
 1. Fell, stump and chip the designated red maple
 2. Grind and chip the stump of the same tree
 3. Prune the dead wood out of the designated pine
 4. Install a cable and eyebolts to stabilize the crown of the same tree

All in favor. Norm will inform Trees Inc. and direct them to deal directly with Cheryl on the project. Cheryl will contact the Parkers to inform them of the Commission's decision.

2.) Mark reported that he has arranged for the brush to be removed from Elmwood Cemetery before spring.

IV. Issues for consideration next meeting

- Authorize setting up a separate account for the interest of the CD dedicated to Elmwood to assure that interest from it goes solely to upkeep of that particular cemetery.
- Draft a statement about our good faith investigation into historical records to try to determine what proportion of the interest in our current money market derives from that CD.
- Scheduling a field trip with Norm Arseneault to investigate future needs in tree management at all three cemeteries.
- Discuss fund raising strategies for future upkeep

V. Adjournment. 5:30.