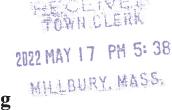
Town of Millbury Minutes of Cemetery Commission Meeting March 15, 2022



ITEM ONE – CALL TO ORDER

Randy Mogren called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Present: Randy Mogren, Robert Roy, Keith Caruso and Amy Paquette-Riordan.

ITEM TWO - GUEST/SPEAKER:

No guests appeared.

ITEM THREE- MEETING MINUTES:

The Cemetery Commissioners reviewed, approved and signed the meeting minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting.

ITEM FOUR-NEW BUSINESS:

Decoration removal-March 31st, 2022 all decorations must be removed. Easter decorations may be placed but only temporarily. Easter decorations may be placed for the week of Easter and then must be removed.

Road removal-Keith Caruso passed out a sketch to show the plan of the roads he is proposing to remove in Section 2. The outer perimeter will remain. A walk through has been scheduled with the Cemetery Commission on March 29th at 4:00 pm to get a better idea as to which plan will work the best. Bob Roy stated that the 1st road on the left needs to remain for the convenience of people planting flowers. Keith is not opposed to this that is why a walk through is relevant.

Weston and Sampson informed Keith that the permitting for the expansion has run out and to pull new permits we are looking at approximately \$50,000 to move forward. The Cemetery Commission would need to go to fall town meeting to secure a funding source for funding.

Keith found a piece of equipment which has been ordered for Carl to aid him in the repairs and upkeep at the cemetery. This piece of equipment can lift up to 1,500 lbs. and is more versatile for Carl to use to move in between the headstones and to lift the headstones to replace them on the foundation. The cost of the machine came in at \$16,402 and the funds were provided by the DPW. This machine will be dedicated to the upkeep and maintenance of the cemetery.

Bob asked about the remaining funds from the irrigation project. Keith stated that the money left over will be used to pay for the roads. The irrigation project has been completed so the remaining funds will be used to pave the roads. Keith informed Randy and Bob that the removal of the roads will be done in house. The plan is to remove one road at a time and place loam and seed and then move onto another road. Bob stated that expanding the water lines would be more convenient for the residents that plant and maintain the gravesites. Keith has plans to feed water lines to both sides of the cemetery to eliminate residents having to walk very far.

Randy asked if he could use money from the sale of lots to pay for the Weston and Sampson permitting process. Randy wants the funds to be taken from sale of lots account and not from the perpetual care account. Randy and Keith would like to move forward with design, permitting and bidding.

After the permitting phase an article will need to go to town meeting to secure funds for the work to be done on the expansion site. The total price tag for the expansion project will be in the \$300,000 area.

<u>ITEM FIVE – MONUMENTS/FLAT MARKER APPROVALS:</u>

Weeks headstone-Motion to Approve-Randy Mogren Second Bob Roy.

ITEM SIX-NEW BURIALS:

A list of new burials for the month was presented to the Cemetery Commissioners.

ITEM SEVEN – FUTURE MEETING DATES

Walk through/site visit scheduled for March 29, 2022 at 4:00 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting date will be April 19, 2022.

ITEM TEN – ADJOURNMENT

Bob Roy made a motion to adjourn at 5:23 pm Randy Mogren seconded that motion.

The full meeting content is available on the Millbury Public Access Channel.

Respectfully prepared by Amy Paquette-Riordan

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