

Vernon Grove Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024

Present: Chairman - Ron Gray, Trustee – Scott Crisafulli, Trustee – Fred Elliott, Trustee – Chase Filosa, Trustee – Charlie Skaff, Trustee – Mike Lenza, Cemetery Administrator – Phil Greenstein

Residents: Jamie Wheelock

Meeting called to order 6:00 PM. Motion to open by Fred, 2nd by Charlie, all in favor.

Review of minutes, Charlie motion to accept, 2nd by Chase, all in favor.

Open Floor:

Ron asked Mr. Wheelock if he would like to address Trustees as an Open Floor item, he declined.

Administrator Report – 1/3/2024

Dustin and Jamie at Highway mostly aside from a couple of funerals and a bit of cleanup at both properties after storms. New fence panels came in and the power company installed. I saw them working on them and stopped by for a few minutes to check on them. Chris Teta the plant manager did call me to let me know about it, but it was after I had stopped by. I re-joined the Mass Cemetery Association we've been members over the last couple of years, it's \$150 per year. So far unable to find any reference to entrances and exits in the laws. Visitation hours by law (Chapter 114, Section 42A) No cemeteries exempted from taxation shall be closed between 8 AM and Sunset, except June, July and August when cemeteries shall remain open until 7 PM. Dustin wondering about small trees thinks they came from tree warden cut down because they were bad. Dogwoods? New ones maybe? Thoughts on creating a cremation only section, no headstones just plaques. Already pegged as H section. Thoughts on replacing swamp side fence with hedges or small trees?

Much discussion on several items in Admin report. Administrator tasked by the Trustees with researching: 1) The small trees 2) calling the MCA and other

cemeteries to inquire about a cremation only section. 3) Find out if MA state law requires a fence.

January:

2 full body burials in January.

January Fuel: \$200.18 Discussion on fuel with decision that all fuel during December to April period should be billed to Highway instead of Cemetery. Scott to notify Janice.

Motion by Charlie to accept Administrator Report, 2nd Scott, all in favor.

New Business:

Scott motion for Phil to facilitate getting side door of the garage operational. Motion amended to not spend over the sum of \$2,000. Chase 2nd, all in favor. Phil asked to get price on replacing the water lines, writing a list of what is needed for signage so Highway Dept. can manufacture. Discussion on contract for digging. Phil to email current contract to Trustees with Trustees sending suggested changes back in order for Admin to have ready for March meeting approval before sending to bid. Discussion on starting date for PT worker, Phil to confirm with Foreman Dustin, tabled for decision at March meeting. Fred brought up trash on National Street for discussion, Scott to contact Amazon about it. Fred also asked about accounts for North Purchase. Phil stated there are separate accounts but will look into if any other money conveyed when cemeteries combined.

Old Business:

Lengthy discussion on installing a gate in fence on National Street. Motion to install made by Charlie after the discussion, 2nd by Mike, 5 in favor, 1 opposed, motion carried.

Trustees revisited Veilleux request to allow 4 cremations. Scott was brought up to date because he was absent from January meeting. Lengthy discussion ensued with decision for Dustin to probe and Phil to call Mr. Veilleux for further discussion.

A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie, 2nd by Fred, all in favor.

All meeting business concluded at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting Wednesday March 6, 2024 / 6 PM, Town Hall room 14.

Accepted March 6, 2024 by:



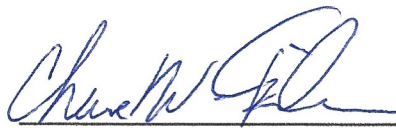
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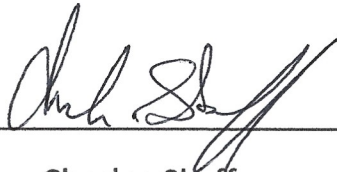
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