

Winchester Cemetery Trustees
Minutes
June 27, 2023



Present: Chair, Brenden Hubbard; Clerk, Kathy Morehouse; Member, Stanley Plifka, Jr; Sexton, Sherry Willard

Meeting called to order at 6:04 PM by Chairman Hubbard.

The clerk's report from the previous meeting was accepted as read. Motion was made by Butch and seconded by Kathy. Unanimous.

Sexton's report

Sherry reported that they had 4 cremation burials and sold a double lot. Scattering garden is complete except for a pathway and more flowers to be added later. They were able to purchase a crabapple tree to honor Tristan McKenna. The fence has been ordered but will take a while to get here from Tennessee.

Stephanie Tomilla's class did community service by washing equipment and picking up rocks out back so Sherry can mow now. The stumps on the banking were cut down except for the ones that will be pulled. Sherry has received the new laptop and has set it up and is using it.

Open House was a big success. Mike is back from vacation and John has cut his hours to 20 a week. Sherry is still looking to hire a third person. All cemeteries have been mowed and trimmed.

Old Business:

Sherry didn't order the plaques because the cost was a little more than we had approved. The one for Tristan is \$299 plus freight and the Keene Monument one is \$350 because it's on a stake for the ground. We had approved \$600. Motion by Brenden and seconded by Kathy to approve up to \$700 for both plaques. Unanimous approval

Sherry got a price from Jay Roy to finish the rest of the roads from the first gate up to where he left off. Quote is \$56,000. We will wait til the 2024 season.

Brenden is continuing to work on burial rate comparison.

The cemetery tour to Carlton, Willis, Rixford, Ashuelot and Fosgate has been scheduled for 7/10 at 5 PM and part 2 for 7/24 at 5 PM.

New Business:

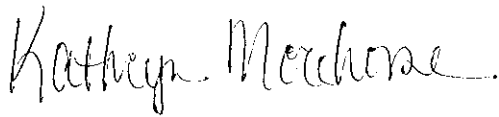
Ashuelot Cemetery has 30+ trees that need to be removed to make a turnoff and parking space for visitors. There is also a cedar that is rotting. Sherry got 3 bids to take them down and clean up the brush. Brian Ruskowski would like the wood so the trees would be set over the stone wall. Quotes were \$8750 from Climbing Higher, \$8,000 from Nichols Tree and \$5,000 from Wilcox. Motion by Kathy and seconded by Brenden to award the bid to Wilcox tree. Approved unanimously.

There were no citizens at this meeting, but we had a nice note from Wendy Beaman that she is very happy with the way the cemetery is being cared for.


Next meeting will be July 25th at the Cemetery Administrative building at 6:00.

Motion to adjourn by Kathy, seconded by Brenden, voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Kathryn Morehouse
Clerk


- chairman