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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

5:30pm 151 Currier Hill Road

6:30pm Guinea Ridge Cemetery

Present: Trustees Candace Daigle, Leonard (JR) Stockwell, Jr. and John Dickey; Paul Lines.

151 Currier Hill Road:

The members met at 5:30pm at 151 Currier Hill Road to view a site of possible burials at the request of Lisa Robinson. Stones found appear to be piles from historic field clearing. No evidence of a burial ground found.

Guinea Ridge Cemetery:

The members met, along with Paul Lines at the Guinea Ridge Cemetery at 6:30pm with Mr. Charlie Beede. Mr. Beede of Beede Cemetery Works had previously viewed the site and discussed stones that needed to be uprighted, straightened and repaired. This would begin the stone restoration project that the expendable trust fund has been building for. The many sites in need of this work will take several years, but is of high importance as leaning and fallen stones over time are simply going to increase the overall cost. Mr. Beede explained the differing techniques he would use on differently situated stones.

Mr. Beede offered to complete all the work discussed at the Guinea Ridge Cemetery for \$800. He feels the work will take two days. He will provide the offer of services in writing. The schedule would be early August. The Trustees discussed the offer.

MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to accept the offer of services to straighten, upright and repair identified stones in Guinea Ridge Cemetery for the total of \$800. (3-0)

The Trustees also examined and discussed the failing condition of the Guinea Ridge fence. The bottom of the fence is buried in the ground. Several of the metal fence posts are rotted off at ground level and several are missing, several finials are smashed or missing and the fence is no longer securely wired to the posts. The result is a sagging fence that could pose safety problems.

C. Daigle explained that when the Trustees had considered options for the fence many years ago, there were concerns raised by descendants and at that time as the fence was in much better condition than now, the fence was rewired and painted. That no longer seems an option given its current condition. Mrs. Tibbetts was a descendant with concerns at that time and it was discussed that it would be very helpful to discuss this matter with her to get her input. Paul Lines will speak with Mrs. Tibbetts to ask her recommendation. Mr. Beede did offer to take a look at the options the Trustees might consider.

The Trustees then met with Mr. Beede at the Page Cemetery. There are more broken and

downed stones at this site. Mr. Beede agreed to give the Trustees an estimate for restoration services at this site.

The meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace L. Daigle, Trustee