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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 29, 2020 7pm

Gilmanton Academy

503 Province Road

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

1. Approval of Minutes – June 8, 2020

MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 8, 2020 as written. (3-0)

2. General Items

- a. Site name signs – Trustees reviewed sign samples at the Tavern. C. Daigle will contact Belmont for information on their signs.
- b. Regulation signs – Additional poles are needed from the Road Agent. Final eight signs will be erected and any additional materials cost will be submitted for reimbursement.
- c. C. Daigle reported on several coffin plaques found by the Historical Society. They have been identified as coming from Pittsfield and The Gilmanton Historical Society will offer them to the Pittsfield Historical Society.

3. Specific Site Reports

a. Beech Grove

1. Hodgdon stone has not been reset, but Laconia Monument will evaluate when they are on site for the Springer stone.
2. Damaged tree removal. Arbor Tech's quote is to remove 3 maples \$2,100; fallen beech \$300; 2 oaks \$2,900; and trim damaged maple \$400-\$600. The fallen beech has fallen fully to the ground and the portion within the driveway has been removed by staff. Trustees discussed funding the work from the accumulated Beech Grove General Fund which is currently at \$32,050. Arbor Tech can schedule the work for August 21st.

MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to contract with Arbor Tech for the removal of 3 maples, 2 oaks and trimming of maple inside the cemetery for a total not to exceed \$5,600; and that the cost be taken from the Beech Grove General Care Fund Income. (3-0)

Arbor Tech also pointed out several ash trees, most beyond the stone walls of the driveway which are failing. Since these are owned by abutters, Trustees may need to notify abutters about the problem.

3. Trustees discussed existing security cameras, effectiveness and readjusting placement. The car entering Beech Grove on June 22nd at 2:38am has not

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- been identified.
4. The Dugal interment is pending.
 5. The Parent interment was completed on 7/18/20. Staff had to complete the site cleanup. This is the first time a site has been left requiring cleanup. The Trustees will revisit the issue if it becomes a continuing problem.
 6. There are plants and bushes that have grown beyond the lot perimeter on the Adel lot. They are encroaching on unsold lots. Trustees directed that a letter be sent to Danny Adel asking him to view now while they are in bloom and remove extra in the fall. Otherwise, our staff will remove in the spring.
 7. Staff has cut out the sapling growing within the Adel and some other bushes.
- b. Buzzell
1. Delineator post project, \$4040, remains outstanding. Turfpro plans to complete by the end of August.
 2. Turfpro plans to spray weeds in September. It will require one additional spraying and then staff will reseed. P. Lines reported problems with turkeys here and in Hillside creating dirt dusting areas within the lawn area.
 3. No action taken on an inquiry regarding the Church's lots.
- c. Foss – the \$1,000 donation from Mrs. Foss was accepted by the Selectmen and deposited by the Trust Fund Trustees into the existing Foss Care Fund. A letter of appreciation was sent to Mrs. Foss.
- d. Friends
1. The remaining gate has been marked and transferred to the Gilmanton Historical Society. It was noted that a chain could be installed across each opening if the Trustees wished to do so in the future.
- e. Indian burial site - Post project. \$4500 – Turfpro hopes to complete by the end of August.
- f. Merrill – Mr. Beede left a message for J. Dickey saying he's very overbooked and uncertain that he will be able to continue any work in Gilmanton this year. J. Dickey will try to speak with him again after the summer. We do have a donation offer for this cemetery and a gate that's been located and is awaiting repair. Lori Baldwin has reported that she may know of someone who has stones from Merrill that were removed when those buried were uninterred. She will follow up on that info.
- g. Sawyer Lake – C. Daigle reported that the abutting property is under contract for sale. She has spoken to the buyer, informed him of the Town's maintenance, state setback law and he seems willing to provide the Town with an easement around the cemetery. J. Dickey suggested if the new owners are on-site and interested, they may be willing to "adopt" the site as far as watchfulness and pickup of twigs and small branches.
- h. Tibbetts – Mr. Beede stonework outstanding (\$1,800-\$2,200). (see note in Merrill)
MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to authorize contracting with Sanville Landscaping for a one-time leave removal at \$550. (3-0)
- i. Wilson Hill - J. Dickey, as Historical Society President, did comment to the applicant proposing a cell tower on the Bosiak property. He also attended the balloon test to view how the tower will be seen from the cemetery and surrounding

area. It seems it will certainly have an impact on the historic value of the area. The applicant answered regarding the several historic sites adjacent to the proposed site. They felt the tower site was not located such that it would have a negative impact on the cemetery. Young cows may still be accessing the cemetery.

4. Budget

- a. The Trustees reviewed the year-end budget and care fund reports.
- b. The Trustees reviewed the current year budget report.
- c. Encumbered
 - 1. Beede-\$2,200 Tibbetts; Merrill unknown
 - 2. Turf Pro-\$2,460 Buzzell; \$4,500 Indian
 - 3. Beech grove Trees-\$5,600

5. Other Business

The Trustees agreed that the chairman call the next meeting as necessary. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace L. Daigle, Trustee