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Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 19, 2017, 7pm Gilmanton Academy 503 Province Road



Present:

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

Minutes:

MOTION:

On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 28, 2016, at written. (3-0)

Site Updates:

- Town Pound
 - 1. Adjacent construction continues and there is no evident impact on the Town Pound lot.
- b. **Buzzell**
 - 1. Mrs. Sordelline's stone has been installed.
 - P. Lines will check to see if Dussault's two corner stones have sunk or are 2. missing.
 - Upcoming interment, 4/22/17, Paul Stroud. Grave has been opened. C. 3. Moorehead is assisting for access.
 - C. Daigle noted that an adjustment is needed at the drive and pedestrian gates at 4. the side entrance as neither is working well.
- Beech Grove c.
 - Rice corner posts are in. 1.
 - 2. History Channel – J. Dickey reported on the History Channel's visit in October inquiring about the history of Herman Mudgett. They sent a 9-member film crew for this project. Both he and Pat Clarke spent many, many hours in researching, documenting and being interviewed for this project. The crew visited the Beech Grove cemetery where family members are interred. The mini-series was supposed to premiere last evening, but has not and there is no update on the schedule. Their crew was next flying to London to follow up on the "Jack the Ripper" theory and then on to Chicago. The History Channel sent a \$100 donation to the Historical Society for their help.
 - Rebecca Boudreau was interred late 2016. The location was documented for our 3. records.
- Mary Butler Fence d.
 - Fence remaining in good condition. Another coat of stain could be applied.

Budgets:

- C. Daigle provided a spreadsheet of 2016 and 2017 finances including town budget, Town Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) and care funds.
- 2016 year-end report

- 1. Town Budget The 2016 town budget appropriation was \$8,996 of which \$3,710.16 was transferred at year-end to the ETF towards upcoming gravestone work as we were not able to complete our anticipated fall work. All bills were paid through the Town budget and two transfers from the care funds were made back into the town funds during the year to cover those expenses that could be charged to care funds.
- 2. Expendable Trust Fund the fund balance on 1/1/16 was \$19,054.26. Annual interest was \$391.60. Along with the town budget balance transferred into the fund on 12/31/16 that resulted in a 1/1/17 balance of \$23,582.62.
- 3. Care Funds Care Funds principal as of 1/1/6 was \$119,923.64. Additional care funds deposited during 2016 were \$600 for sale of lots to Rice in Beech Grove and \$500 donated by Mr. Henry Page towards the general care of the Page Cemetery. Balance of Care Funds as of 1/1/17 is \$121,023.64.

 Care Funds Income was \$76,643.60 as of 1/1/16. Expended during 2016 was \$3,429.78 and 2016 interest income was \$6,835.06 leaving a 1/1/17 balance of \$80,048.88.
- b. 2017 beginning year report no bills to date
 - a. Town budget is \$10,480.
 - b. Expendable Trust Fund is \$23,582.62 of which \$8,620 is committed for gravestone work and driveway delineators by Beede Cemetery Lettering at Beech Grove. Fence work at Guinea Ridge is also anticipated.
 - c. Care Funds Income to be spent is calculated at one-half of the prior year's interest income so that the individual funds can be built up. Prior year's interest income was \$6,835.06 or \$3,417.53 which is a 25% reduction in the interest income from 2015.

Upcoming Projects:

J. Dickey spoke to Mr. Beede on 4/18. Mr. Beede has us on his schedule with an approximate late June start of the gravestone work. J. Dickey asked that he notify the Trustees of any price change due to additional stone damage over this past winter. P. Lines noted there does not appear to be much damage.

The Trustees inquired if P. Lines would be able to do the work this year with C. Moorehead also working in Beech Grove and Buzzell. P. Lines noted that his back is still not 100% but he would do what he could. The Trustees asked that J. Dickey check with the Carpenters to see if they would be able to assist this year and that P. Lines also make us aware of anyone else that may be available.

- a. Beech Grove
 - 1. Gravestone work.
 - 2. Possible interment (Deware)
- b. Buzzell
 - 1. Gravestone work and driveway delineators.
- c. Mudgett
 - 1. Gravestone work.
- d. Sleeper
 - 1. Gravestone work.
- e. Hillside

- 1. Gravestone work.
- f. Tibbetts
 - 1. Gravestone work.
- g. Plummer
 - 1. Tree to be removed
- h. Guinea Ridge
 - 1. Discussion on fence repairs/replacement. In speaking with family members they had voiced their desire that the fence could be repaired or, if replaced, replaced in kind. JR Stockwell will contact a fencing company to get their recommendation.
 - 2. P. Lines suggested that the Trustees consider the removal of the trees at the rear of the cemetery as they are dying and continue to drop limbs.
- i. Additional gravestone work
 - 1. Members suggested the following also be considered for gravestone work. However, after discussion it was decided to wait until we can determine the cost for the fence at Guinea Ridge before we contract for any further gravestone work. The proposed list did include:

Emerson Leavitt Road Osgood Parsons

Sanborn

Wilson Hill (we have the request and support of family members)

The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace L. Daigle, Trustee