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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 5:30pm

Gilmanton Academy

503 Province Road

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

Guinea Ridge Fence:

J. Dickey reported that Mr. & Mrs. Tibbetts, Ms. Colman and Ms. Sweeney were unable to attend but had left a message that the Trustees understand their wish that as much of the fence as possible be saved.

The Trustees discussed the options put forth at prior meetings. Concerns were:

- to maintain the fencing character to the extent possible although this would not be a permanent solution and would require repairs/replacement at some point in the future;
- if going with the stonewall option, should it be single or double faced;
- is there some solution to the drainage problem at the low point in the frontage.

J. Dickey will contact the Tibbetts and offer to take the post/guidewire samples to them and explain the fence proposal so that any further comments on the fencing option can be considered. The options under consideration remain a complete replacement of the pole/guidewire support system for the fence and gates with new black powder coated fencing elements with the reuse of the silver fence web material; or removal of the fence in its entirety, construction of a stone wall along the frontage and replacement of the gates with new support members but reusing the existing fence web material. Whether the fence needed painting if it were to be reused was unknown.

The Trustees will meet again for a final decision.

Minutes:

MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 23, 2017, as written. (3-0)

MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 21, 2017, as written. (3-0)

Site Updates:

Mr. Beede: Mr. Beede has indicated he may be able to commence the contracted work in a couple of weeks. He's been asked to begin at Buzzell as the delineator posts are an important improvement to that site.

The members agreed to obtain an estimate from Mr. Beede while he is here for both Wilson Hill and Osgood Cemeteries.

Sanborn: P. Lines reported that he had been up into Sanborn to clean it out again. It is not

in good shape. All stones down and spread around. He did cut a tree out. We will not be able to replace stones in the correct locations, but it's important to get in and try and stabilize the site conditions.

Plummer: P. Lines reported one tree was removed in front, but the large dead tree within remains.

BeechGrove: Six lots have been sold to Mr. & Mrs. Willard. Funds have been deposited and cleared so that the final Right to Inter document can be recorded. Corner stones have been installed. Eighteen hundred dollars was added to the Care Fund for Beech Grove as a result.

Budget:

There is approximately \$23,500 in the Expendable Trust Fund with \$8,620 committed to the Beede contracts. The fence/wall at Guinea Ridge will be approximately \$5,200-\$6,000 (not including gate on stonewall estimate). The members may consider continuing the stone repair work with Wilson Hill and/or Osgood depending on how the town budget looks at the end of the year. It's important to maintain funds in the ETF to cover unforeseen issues.

Currently the town budget has expended approximately \$3,000 of \$10,000 budgeted. P. Lines has been able to give us more hours lately and hopes to continue into the fall to catch up from a slow '16 Fall and '17 Spring.

It is important to address trees that need to be taken down. P. Lines also noted a very large pine in Osgood.

Buzzell Site View:

At 6:20pm the meeting moved to the Buzzell Cemetery to check the grade stakes marking the location for the erection of granite posts in preparation of Mr. Beede's work. All Trustees were present. The grade stakes remain properly marking the post locations. The Trustees also noted that the side gate post has sifted making the operation of both the drive and pedestrian gates difficult.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace L. Daigle, Trustee