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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 30, 2017, 5:30pm

Gilmanton Academy

503 Province Road

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

MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of August 1, 2017, as written. (3-0)

Guinea Ridge Fence:

J. Dickey reported on his visit with the Tibbetts regarding the Guinea Ridge fence replacement. He met with Bob and Olive Tibbetts and Olive's sister, brother and second sister and her husband. He took the fence samples provided by Superior to explain the replacement of the fence structure and reuse of the fence webbing versus removal and construction of a stone wall.

They had a very pleasant chat and discussed the options including relative permanence. The extended family members were unanimous in choosing a stone wall as closely matching the existing wall as possible in place of a fence. They did want to have a ¾" galvanized framed gate including reused fence webbing which they would paint.

MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to contact Mr. Kevin Fife to confirm the project details to construct a single faced stone wall to replace the existing fence across the frontage of the Guinea Ridge Cemetery with the goal being 2018 construction if possible. (3-0)

JR Stockwell will contact Kevin Fife and discuss options including:

- whether to leave in place the granite posts and build between them or remove them;
- that the Trustees will have the existing fence removed when the project commences (we will need to retain sufficient good fence fabric for the gate);

JR Stockwell will also contact Mr. Sykes and Mr. Pinnette to see what they might suggest for the gate reconstruction. He will also check to see if Mr. Sykes wishes the fence sample returned.

J. Dickey will contact the Tibbetts with an update.

Site Updates:

Beech Grove: P. Lines reported he cut up two downed trees.

Buzzell: Mr. Beede has commenced the Buzzell project and finished the first 5 rows of stones. He will have to order the upright granite posts. The members agreed the iron rings go on the inside of the posts against the driveway. He will move on to Beech Grove next.

Foss: With Mr. Foss's passing it is unknown if the family will continue care of this cemetery or

the Trustees should include it for annual work. JR Stockwell will contact Mrs. Foss.

Hilliard: P. Lines reported the plastic numbered stakes are still there. C. Daigle will contact the surveyor to see if the project is complete and the stakes are intended to remain. If so, P. Lines will see that they're flush with the ground.

Town Farm: C. Daigle reported she's written a letter to Paul Darbyshire to see if he remembers any additional details about his "possible burying ground" note on the plan and also reminded Tim Bernier who has added a note to his job spread sheet to take a better look at Paul's notes.

Volunteer: C. Daigle noted a contact from Lori Baldwin who has a person who would like to volunteer some time in the cemeteries, perhaps to count gravestones. C. Daigle noted we have a pretty good inventory of stones, and she has written back to Ms. Baldwin see what the person's interest and capabilities might be; could they help clean out cemeteries, etc. The members suggested that the person might want to "adopt" a cemetery to keep an eye on it, and do some upkeep; or they might want to learn how to clean gravestones.

Trees: Members requested P. Lines keep them informed of any trees that should be trimmed or removed by Arbor Tech.

Budget:

The members viewed a 7/29/17 (incorrectly dated 8/29/17) budget report and discussed a 2018 appropriation request. Anticipating some 150 additional hours for fall cleanup the salary line may be slightly overspent and that the entire Repairs and Maintenance line plus additional funds out of the Expendable Trust fund have been committed to current gravestone repairs.

MOTION: On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to request a 2018 budget increase of \$300 (a \$150 increase in the salary line item and a \$150 increase in the Repairs and Maintenance line item).

The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace L. Daigle, Trustee