

Thetford Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2024
Held at the Thetford Town Hall

Present: Cemetery Commissioners Sam Eaton, Rich Landry (arrived @ 5:46), Ruth MacKinnon and Selectboard liaison Steve Tofel (left @ 6:00)

Meeting called to order at 5:39 PM

Minutes from April 24, 2024 approved unanimously
Minutes from June 3, 2024 approved by Sam and Ruth

- Pleasant Ridge:
 - Boundary line replacement – Town Manager Brian Story is working on a contract between the Town and Cemetery Solutions. Project must be completed this year. DPW will help with brush removal.
 - After communications between abutting land owners and the tree removal company, some trees on Cemetery property will be taken down.
 - The decision was made to take down the stairs on the back bank of the Cemetery.
- Judd Cemetery:
 - A call was received about a damaged stone. A visit will be made to investigate.
- Evergreen Rest:
 - Waiting on the Town attorney for paperwork before finalizing it as a Town cemetery.
 - Burials, sales of lots and laying out lots have been happening.
 - The Commissioners are working on a spreadsheet to map lots.
- East Thetford Cemetery:
 - Stone repairs and cleaning work day for Commissioners on July 27, 8-noon. A community work day may be scheduled at a later date.
- Kinney Cemetery:
 - Work day will be scheduled to finish installing the wooden fence.
- Jackson Brook Cemetery:
 - Owner of the right-of-way property filled in a water ditch they had made so that the mowers could access the cemetery. Sam will contact the land owner to discuss how we can help replace the ditch while still having mower access. They also complimented the mowing around wild flowers within the cemetery.
- New Thetford Center Store owner has discussed working with the Town re: right-of-way to the Cemetery and the use of part of the shed behind the store.

- Five-member commission:
 - The Cemetery Commission is looking for two more people who would be interested in joining the Commission.

Other discussion: general cemetery care, supplies needed for cleaning and what we can do moving forward to preserve the cemeteries in a cost-effective manner.
Also, Town Clerk Tracy Borst, will look into VLCT insurance coverage on the Town cemeteries.

Next meeting is TBD

Agenda: Project updates

Motion to adjourn at 7:02 PM

Respectively submitted by Ruth MacKinnon