

Draft Minutes for Thetford Cemetery Commission Meeting
November 4, 2024
Held at 2042 Latham Road, North Thetford

Present: Cemetery Commissioners Sam Eaton, Rich Landry, Ruth MacKinnon and
Selectboard liaison Steve Tofel (left at 5:20)

Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM

Minutes from October 1, 2024 approved with change of address of meeting location.

2024 Cemetery Project Updates:

- Pleasant Ridge –
 - Fence work has been completed by Cemetery Solutions under budget (less \$906 for sales tax) and 4 extra posts for any replacements needed or other projects.
 - Rich and Sam cleared all sumac and dug up roots and stumps, volunteering time and equipment for this project.
- Evergreen Rest –
 - Commissioners are waiting for the Selectboard to vote on taking over the cemetery. It is on the agenda for the SB meeting tonight.
 - Three estimates requested; one quote received from GreenShield and Bragg Property Services for tree grubbing, tree removal and chipping = \$2,425.00, work to be completed by December 15, 2024. Rich motioned to move forward with this bid and Ruth seconded. Approved unanimously.
 - Sam placed pins and he and Ruth mapped out section 3, comparing actual lots to old maps. Winter project of cross-referencing maps with deeds as there were mistakes found.
- Kinney – Fence and gate will be completed soon.
- Judd - Tree service will be hired to take down dead trees and clear along edges of cemetery. Work to be completed by December 15, 2024.

Other discussions:

- Rates for lots will increase to \$750 effective April 1, 2025. Ruth motioned and Sam seconded. Approved unanimously.
- The Pleasant Ridge fence replacement payment of \$29,140 was taken out of the 2024 Cemetery Fund, not from the General Fund or ARPA Funds as discussed. 2024 Cemetery Fund will be over budget.
- Trees were to be removed from Pleasant Ridge property line by a tree service. Some trees from private property were taken down. Tree warden, land owner and tree service were working to resolve.
- Will purchase Nu-stone and D-2 stone cleaning agents.

Next meeting: TBA in January.

Agenda: 2024 projects reviewed, 2025 projects.

Motion to adjourn at 6:15 PM

Respectively submitted by Ruth MacKinnon