## Cemetery Commission of Francestown Minutes of September 27, 2023 Meeting

Present: Polly Freese, Bridget Howell, Ethel MacStubbs (Trustees)

Janet Taft (Alternate)

Roon Frost, Monica Harrington (Roon and Monica left before non-public session)

Meeting Called to Order at 9:10 a.m.

Roon is interested in Green Burial. We explained this meeting time constraints will not allow any meaningful discussion. She will come back another time when full discussion on agenda.

Monica asked us to follow up on vouchers for reimbursement for March clean up services to apply to Cemetery Maintenance trust fund and Peters issue.

Motion by Ethel to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II(e)(pending claims) at 9:15 a.m. Motion seconded and passed.

Motion made by Bridget Howell to exit non-public session at 9:40 a.m. Motion seconded and passed.

Janet left meeting at 9:45 a.m. due to work obligation.

Public Meeting resumed.

Motion by Polly to approve minutes of meeting of July 21, 2023. Motion seconded and passed.

## New and Old Business

- RE: 2 vouchers for application for monies from Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund for payments town made to Bryant Landscaping for cleanup in Cemetery 3 (March, 2023 snow storm tree damage). One is \$500 and other is \$1,125.00 (which \$1,125 FEMA did not cover). Motion made, seconded and passed. Vouchers executed and given to Monica for Jamie.
- Polly reports \$150 paid out of Cemetery Budget to Peterborough Marble and Granite for restoration of grave marker in Cemetery No. 3.
- We have two emails: one regarding budget and another regarding capital expenditures. Trustees looked at proposed budget attached and suggest delay on budget approval until next meeting with hope Jamie can attend.
- Capital expenditures. New forms are requested by Planning Commission re: structures. The current shed in Cem. 3 has rotted boards and the structure is so warped that door will not open. Polly will contact Larry Kullgren, builder, about what work is needed and time frame for work and estimates. Will fill out form next meeting with Jamie's, help and Bridget will bring form.
- Reclaiming LeBonte lot. No one is buried there. Bridget has drafted notice required under state law for reclaiming lot and researched name in Francestown history. Only one resident listed under different spelling: LaBonte. Committee approved notice Bridget drafted for publication per NH law in Ledger Transcript.
- Meg Hardwick, alternate trustee (who could not attend today), emailed us information
  on company that has developed software for cemeteries that not only tracks sales of lots
  but incorporates lot sales information on maps. It is very expensive. Bridget thinks
  worth following up on concept, even if this product too pricey.

- Green Burial: we are getting more people who want it available and want to work on issues relating to it. Need to schedule another meeting just on Green Burial. Bridget notes we have email response from Lee Webster referring people that will help "develop" land for green burial use (eg engineering and plotting). Motion made by Ethel to form subcommittees relating to Green Burial. Bridget seconded. Motion passed.
- Trustees agree to Wed Oct 11 at 9:00 am for next meeting.

Meeting ended 11:30 a.m.