



**Fremont Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2011
Approved March 7, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall.

Present: Cemetery Trustees Richard Rand, Bob Stackpole, Leon Holmes, Jr. and Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Mr. Stackpole motioned to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2010 meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with favorable vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Broken monuments:** Mrs. Bolduc said she contacted Matthew Thomas for a list of professionals who do monument repair. In an e-mail correspondence Mr. Thomas recommended Sypher's Monument Co. in Hampton, NH. Mrs. Bolduc spoke with Roger Sypher who was sending Mr. Thomas some brochures and rough estimates to do certain work which she will get them from him. Mr. Sypher said he is familiar with the Fremont Village Cemetery as he has placed stones in the cemetery on a number of occasions. He has done work for a number of area Towns including Newfields, Seabrook, Kingston, Portsmouth and Rye. Mr. Thomas said Mr. Sypher's prices are about as reasonable as can be expected at \$35.00 per hour including supplies, compared to other monument companies in the area.
- **Gates:** Mrs. Bolduc reported that she contacted Bob Henderson of Henderson Welding to relate that the Trustees have accepted his proposal for gate repairs at the Village Cemetery. Mr. Henderson submitted an invoice for \$1,500; \$500 for each of the three gate sections to be replaced.
- **Tree removal:** Mr. Holmes stated for the record that he and the other Trustees have removed the double tree that was in the center of the Village Cemetery which was rotting and threatening a large monument.

New Business

- **Lawrence Lyford Estate:** The Trustees received from Attorney Joy Riddell of DTC, Attorneys at Law, a December 8, 2010 correspondence advising of Lawrence Lyford's

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passing on July 21, 2010, as well as a copy of the “Notice of Surviving Spouse, Legatees, Heirs at Law” and the portion of Mr. Lyford’s Will that pertains to the Sleeper Cemetery stating “there is nothing of Lawrence’s estate going to the Trustees of the Sleeper Cemetery”.

There was a conversation relative to who is responsible for repair of monuments. Mr. Rand said he feels that the monuments belong to the owners of the lots. This prompted a question of whether tax dollars should be used for repairing broken monuments if they are considered private ownership. Mrs. Bolduc will look into where the monument responsibility lies and what other Towns do about repairing monuments. She will report back to the Trustees with her findings.

Expenditure Report: The Trustees reviewed the General Ledger Expenditure Report as of December 9, 2010. There was a conversation relative to the mowing expense line and how difficult it can be to mow cemetery lots partly because of leaves that accumulate in some areas. Mr. Holmes suggested that it might be good to consider the purchase of a leaf blower.

LEAVITT CEMETERY 2011 PROJECTS

- Expand the area that is open behind the wall.
- Spread the loam that is already onsite.
- Repair the double gate at the front of the cemetery.
- Install a hand pump at the well.

There was a general conversation relative to loaming at the Leavitt Cemetery.

Next meeting

3:30 pm on Monday March 7, 2011.

At 4:25 pm Mr. Rand made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion seconded by Mr. Stackpole with favorable vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Recording Secretary