



**Fremont Cemetery Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2014**

Present: Cemetery Trustees Leon Holmes, Jr., Matthew Thomas and recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall.

Mr. Thomas motioned to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with unanimous favorable vote.

Old business

**VILLAGE CEMETERY**

Well pump/water lines:

K. P. Electric was contacted and has submitted an estimate of \$769.03 for labor and materials to install a new wiring to the water pump. Mr. Holmes got a verbal estimate of \$400 to \$500 from Dave Pallaria Electric (the Town will dig the required trench). He will get one more estimate and the Trustees will vote on their choice at the next meeting.

Cemetery Walls - east (Brentwood) end: at the June 2, 2014 meeting Mr. Holmes reported that he met with Ken Fife of Twin Elms Landscape offered a quote of \$3,000 to repair the walls in the cemetery which would include using Town equipment if needed. Mr. Holmes contacted Steve Tomacz who submitted a quote on August 15, 2014 of \$5,115.50. Mr. Holmes said he will get another estimate to report to the Trustees at the next meeting.

David Nelson has contacted Mrs. Bolduc to report that the wall at the southwest corner of the Village Cemetery adjacent to the Beede/Nelson plot (his relatives) is in need of repair in the form of replacing some broken cement blocks and adding new caps, and to ask if the Town has any plans to repair it. He submitted pictures of the wall for the Trustees convenience. Mr. Nelson understands that the Cemeteries budget is small and he has offered to do the repairs himself if the Trustees will allow him to do the work.

Mrs. Bolduc said she spoke with Town Administrator Heidi Carlson who said the Town would be willing to pay for materials and that Mr. Nelson would be required to sign a waiver for personal responsibility because he is not a Town employee.

The Trustees viewed pictures of the damage that Mr. Nelson provided which showed a number of disintegrating cement (cinder) blocks used to create a corner wall. There was a conversation relative to what material Mr. Nelson proposes to repair the wall with. Mr. Thomas said cement blocks would only break up over time as have the existing blocks. Mr. Thomas and Mr. Holmes agreed to go the Village Cemetery following today's meeting to view the wall, then Mr. Holmes (and possibly Mr. Harms) will meet with Mr. Nelson at the site for the same purpose hopefully sometime next week. Mrs. Bolduc will set up a date and time for the meeting and if more than one Trustee will be present she will notice it as a meeting.

Mr. Thomas suggested contacting Woody West and/or Lee Danley to see if they would be willing to donate some granite blocks to use for fixing the cemetery walls.

#### LEAVITT CEMETERY

Mr. Holmes said that seed and straw will be purchased and spread as planned beginning tomorrow. He said he plans to scrape the roadways between sections A & B and use the resulting loam for the lots in those sections.

New business

#### LEAVITT CEMETERY

As a follow-up to the missing Josiah West monument, Mr. Holmes and Mrs. Bolduc reported that they went back to the Leavitt Cemetery with the map and located the West monument. They also found a family plot hidden by some bushes and shrubs that Mr. Holmes will remove.

#### CEMETERY ORDINANCE & GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Mrs. Bolduc passed out a draft of the proposed amendments to the Cemetery Ordinance for the Trustees to review and discuss at the next meeting.

#### 2015 CEMETERIES BUDGET

The Trustees reviewed the Cemeteries expenditure report as of August 15, 2014 to determine current spending and what they would need to request for the 2015 Cemeteries Budget. After reviewing and discussing the Cemeteries budget #4195 and the general Line Item Budget report, Mr. Thomas made the motion so request the following Cemeteries budget for 2015. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion and they both voted yes.

Cemeteries budget #4195

Line #	CURRENTLY
• 010 – Mowing wages:	\$5,600
• 015 - Trustee Stipend:	\$450
• 100 – Administration:	\$75
• 200 – Loam , Seed, Fertilizer:	\$100
• 700 – Equipment Hire:	\$2,200
• 710 – Contract Help:	\$150
• 800 – Fuel:	\$525

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- 850 - Mower Equip Rep: \$300
  - 900 - Electricity: \$500
  - New line: Projects \$4,000
    1. Stone wall repair/Village Cemetery
- Total requested 2015 budget \$14,150

An appointment will be made with the Selectmen if necessary for the Trustees to discuss their 2014 budget request.

### NEW SIGNS

At the last meeting there was a discussion relative to a \$650 donation from the Fremont 250<sup>th</sup> Committee for new signs in the Leavitt, Village and Sleeper Cemeteries. There was a conversation about what material would be used (wood vs. metal).

Mr. Thomas reported that he is still working on getting prices for 1) metal signs from Sahwah Signs and: 2) wood signs from a company called Sign of the Times.

### HOYT CURRIER CEMETERY

Gate: Mr. Holmes contacted Bob Henderson about making another gate.

GOALS: The Trustees agreed on the following goals for 2014:

#### 1. VILLAGE CEMETERY

- Repair the wall on the east (Brentwood) end.
- Repair the wall to the South end.
- Repair the well pump and/or water lines.

#### 2. LEAVITT CEMETERY

- Spread some loam in the area that is open behind the wall.
- Remove some small trees on the far right of the first section.
- Build and gravel 2 additional interior roads.

#### 3. HOYT CURRIER CEMETERY

- Replace gate. Mr. Holmes said he has contacted Bob Henderson, who built one gate and did repairs to other gates in the Village Cemetery a couple of years ago. Mr. Henderson offered a verbal estimate of \$350 to build a gate for the Hoyt Cemetery.

### CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no incoming correspondence.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4:00 pm on Monday October 6, 2014.

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At 5:35 pm Mr. Thomas made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Holmes with unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bolduc, Recording Secretary

Action items:

Thomas:

- Get prices for metal and wood cemetery signs.

Holmes:

- Get one more estimate for electric for water line in the Village Cemetery.
- Get one more estimate for repair of the east wall in the Village Cemetery.
- Meet with David Nelson onsite to view needed wall repair of the southwest wall in the Village Cemetery near his parents plot.