



APPROVED 10-6-2015

**Fremont Cemetery Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
September 1, 2015**

Present: Cemetery Trustees Steve Harms, Matthew Thomas, Rick Pinder, Bruce White and acting recording secretary Jeanne Nygren.

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

Mr. Harms motioned to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas, with unanimous favorable vote.

Mr. Harms motioned to accept the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas, with unanimous favorable vote.

**VILLAGE CEMETERY STONE WALL RFP**

The Trustees reviewed the RFP for the Village Cemetery stone wall, and suggested Harms be the contact person to answer any questions for anyone interested in submitting a bid.

**SEXTON JOB DESCRIPTION**

The Trustees discussed whether to post as an hourly salary vs stipend. Mr. Thomas had discussed this with Town Administrator Heidi Carlson. Their decision was to keep it at the stipend, as this is a new position and they will be able to see how it goes this year especially where they don't know how many hours may be needed.

**LEAVITT CEMETERY**

An additional eight graves have been sold this week at Leavitt Cemetery.

Mr. Harms stated the numbering sequence of lots at Leavitt Cemetery needs to be reviewed. The deeds already issued will be checked to verify accuracy.

Mr. Harms stated that loaming another section of the cemetery needs to be considered and there is tree work needed. Harms will speak with Leon Holmes, Jr. to see when he may be able to work on the tree situation.

## VILLAGE CEMETERY

Mr. Thomas asked Bruce White if he had any further information, questions or suggestions for the cemetery upkeep. He explained to him the Sexton's proposed position.

Now that there is water at Village Cemetery, Mr. Pinder stated that the rain barrel was moved to the Leavitt Cemetery. There is a pump at Leavitt that may need to be repaired and there is also a well at this cemetery. Mr. White wanted to know what the Trustees priorities are as he was hired for mowing and weed whacking. As he works if he sees fallen branches, he has been removing them. He asked if they wish to have seeding done as there a lot of bare spots in the cemetery. The Trustees feel that the seeding may as well be done. There is grass seed in the shed but it is necessary to purchase hoses for watering after new seed is put down. Many stones need to be cleaned but the Trustees need to know whose responsibility it is to clean the stones. This will be looked into as Mr. Thomas thinks it is the lot owner and not the town. He also wants to reposition the stone at Thomas Chase grave that is lying flat (which is a historic grave) as well as other stones at the old part of Leavitt Cemetery that need to be raised in the upright position again. Mr. Thomas will show Mr. White these stones and start a list of stones that need repair in both cemeteries.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas to purchase three 100 foot hoses at approximately \$45-\$50 each for use at the Village Cemetery along with some wasp spray for a total of approximately \$150.00. Motion seconded by Mr. Pinder with unanimous favorable vote.

Mr. Thomas gave Mr. White the authority to be able fix the small things he sees necessary to clean up the cemeteries, and not have to ask permission every time, as the cemeteries have been neglected for a long time, and will take some period to try to get things back into good condition. Mr. White spends roughly 3 hours a day now on cemetery work.

## CEMETERY BUDGET

After review the Trustees were recommending submission of the \$16,790.00 for the 2016 Cemetery Budget

## CORRESPONDANCE

There was no incoming correspondence.

With no other business to come forth, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Pinder. The meeting ended at 4:50 pm.

The next Cemetery Trustee meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren  
Acting Recording Secretary