



Approved: July 10, 2018

Fremont Cemetery Trustee
Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Trustee Steve Harms at 4:10 pm in the basement meeting room of the Fremont Town Hall. Present were: Cemetery Trustees: Matthew Thomas, Steve Harms and Jeanne Nygren, Cemetery Sexton: Shawn Perreault and Superintendent Bruce White.

Mrs. Nygren made a motion to approve the May 8th, 2018 meeting minutes with no changes needed. Mr. Harms seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Mrs. Nygren was welcomed aboard by the other Trustees and thanked for her willingness to step into a Trustee role.

The Trustees were informed by Mrs. Perreault that Heidi Carlson and Bruce White hired Aron Lair as the part-time cemetery maintenance employee. He did a lot of work getting the cemetery ready for Memorial Day, including a lot that had to be done by walking due to the wetness of the grounds. Mr. Lair is a Fremont resident and has lived in town for 10 years.

Memorial Day was a huge success. Jeanne Nygren and Kathy Clement did a great job pulling it together. Heidi Carlson helped with the guest speakers and Grand Marshall, Bill Hayes. Mrs. Nygren was a little disappointed that only 2 guns came instead of the 5 she was told would be there, but was thankful that they still volunteered. Especially, when they are not from Fremont. Next year will mark Fremont's 140th year of holding the Memorial Day parade. It was suggested by Mr. Thomas that we do something really special. Mr. White asked what the cost would be to have a Lincoln impersonator to do the Gettysburg Address. Mr. Thomas stated that Steve Woods from Clairmont, NH does this and might be available. Mrs. Perreault was going to do some research on the internet and try to contact him for fee information. Mr. Thomas thought we would be looking at about 500.00 dollars to do this. Mr. Thomas also suggested his Brother-in-law, if we cannot find someone. Mrs. Nygren stated that the band we use hasn't gone up on their fee of \$800.00 dollars in the 14 years they have been coming and is coming again next year. We would need to increase the budget for Memorial Day if we do this. Mr. Thomas also stated that he could do a talk on Fremont's role and what wonderful things our Town Veteran's have done.

Budget looked good. Mrs. Nygren has some recommendations when budget time comes. Especially, the Project line and Maintenance lines.

Mrs. Nygren is talking with the Pat Martel the Trustee of the Trust Fund to try and find out how much money under Perpetual Care is available to us. Mrs. Nygren is hoping that some of these funds would be available to use for the wall project. Mr. Harm believes that we are not going to be able to use any of that money for the wall project. He believes that due to limitations placed on those funds, they are only available for maintenance done on burial sites. Mr. Harms stated that the fund doesn't cover all maintenance just a percentage of it. Mrs. Nygren was hoping we can use the interest that is received on the money in the Perpetual Care fund. Mr. Harms wondered if the Perpetual Care fund was changed into a General Maintenance Fund, which most towns have done.



Mrs. Nygren asked if clean-up should be done only once a year now that we have a part-time employee keeping up with the cemeteries. Mr. White recommends staying with two times a year. Mr. White stated that a lot of times the ground is too wet for regular equipment. The company that comes in has powerful leaf blowers and other equipment that we do not. Mr. Harm and Mr. Thomas agreed with Mr. White that we should keep clean-up to twice a year. It guarantees it gets done and gives us a great start.

Mr. Harm feels it is time to increase our overall budget. We have not made increases in a number of years and due to cost of maintenance and other responsibilities of the Cemetery Trustees it is time. This will be discussed more during budget season.

Mr. Thomas spoke with Cory West regarding the land expansion for Hoyt/Currier Cemetery. Mr. West is looking at the acre behind the current cemetery. Mr. Thomas is really hoping the land will be donated to the Town of Fremont, however, it is unclear right now. Mr. Thomas did tell Mr. West that if the land was donated we would put a marker in his parent's name, Wilfred & Dorma West in the new section. Currently, there is access by walking path and an opening in the current stone wall. If this donation occurs, we would need to figure out access to the new section for people and more importantly burial equipment. Mr. Thomas suggested that if a road was put in maybe a T would be the best option. Mr. West did discuss the hope that nice landscaping would be done. Mr. Thomas agreed they would want some trees and such to tie in the old with the new cemetery. Mrs. Nygren was wondering if Mr. West was going to let us know before the end of the year. We would need to add more to the budget line if this cemetery became a project. Mr. Thomas is going to follow-up with him.

RFP for repair or removal of Leavitt cemetery wall between old section and new section A was discussed. Mr. White would add the width of the wall, which is 1 foot to the RFP description. Mr. Harm feels that there is no sense in repairing this wall. This wall is too far gone and would be a maintenance nightmare if the wall was to be repaired. Mr. Harms feels that repair should be removed from the RFP and it should be for removal only. Mrs. Nygren spoke with a gentleman that came and looked at the project and he would be under the 5,000.00 dollars to remove the wall and some small trees that are there. Mrs. Nygren stated that this individual will be putting in an RFP once we have it. Mrs. Nygren is going to call Epping Sexton, Mike Kappler for names of mason or individuals to send the RFP to. Mr. Harm indicated that anyone with an excavator that does dirt removal can handle this RFP because we are not repairing it. The Trustees are going to take out repair from the bid and make it a removal RFP only. After review of the calendar, it was determined that the corrected RFP will be sent out and be due back on July 9, 2018. The Trustees will open any submitted bids at the July 10, 2018 meeting. The Trustees are hoping to have this project finished this year.

Mrs. Nygren is going to ask Heidi Carlson to print out her budget summary listing jobs and lines for us to review and make suggested changes at our next meeting. Mr. Harms wants to discuss increasing our overall budget.



Next meeting was scheduled for July 10 at 4:00 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Harms to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Thomas. Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Perreault
Cemetery Sexton