

Waterbury Cemetery Commission
June 5, 2024
Steele Room (Municipal complex)

Present: Jan Gendreau, John Woodruff, Tom Leitz, Town Manager, and Barb Walton.

Guest: Jane Brown, Tree Committee, Michael LoSchiavo, Tree Warden

Reviewed and approved minutes of May meeting

Financial updates with Tom Leitz, Town Manager

- a. Tom handed out and discussed cemetery budget as of 5/31. Also, the Edward Jones investment report indicates a 3% growth.

New Business

- a. Inoculating ash tree - Jane Brown reported the cost for the ash tree is \$552.00 and **Jeff Spear** (jeff@acertreeco.com) will be doing the work.
- b. Oak Trees at Hope discussed with Jane and Michael with committee about replacing a few oaks on a yearly basis. Suggested replacement tree might be the Adirondack crab apple. Jane mentioned possibly applying for a restrictive regional grant. The source for ordering bare foot trees is Branch Out Burlington. They work with the Vermont Horticulture Farm (part of UVM) for actual ordering, delivery and pick up which is usually in April. **Jane** would be willing to write the grant when it comes out in Nov (100% match).
- c. **Committee approved and voted for Caldwell Clark to do the pruning of the maples in Maple St. Cemetery.**

Old Business

- a. Loomis Hill signage – Barb to send draft online directions for the cemetery and entrance right of way. The instructions will be put on the Town website.
- b. Discussed with Tom and John working with the town on placement sign entering Loomis Hill right of way. Tom and **John** will connect with appropriate people to start sign process.
- c. John talked with Steve Benoit(sales) with Rock of Ages about what it would cost to cut up and inscribe the miscellaneous marble headstones in our vault at Hope. The repurposed stones would replace the damaged stones in Route 100 Cemetery where a car jumped the fence several years ago. (An attempt to put them back together a few years ago had failed. **John will report findings next month.**

Assignments for next meeting on July 3, 2024, Steele Room, 4pm

1. Barb to send draft Loomis Hill cemetery location instruction to members.
2. John to report follow up on Rock of Ages.
3. John will report on sign progress (Loomis Hill).

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Walton