



CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2022

Present: Jim Kenney, Chairman
Darryl Darby, Member/Cemetery Sexton
Irene Morrison, Member
Gladys Wheeler, Member

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05am. Roll call was taken.
2. Acknowledgement of meeting recording status – This meeting was not recorded.
3. Finalization of minutes from the March 19, 2022 meeting: Minutes were finalized and the signed version will be provided to the Town Clerk.
4. Update on archives consultant input to storing electronic documents – J. Kenney explained that the Library Director is working with a profession archivist and has created a section in the library for historical documents. As the Cemetery Commission creates documentation relating to its mission, hardcopies as well as e-copies can be provided to the library for inclusion and access by the public.
5. Remaining Commission budget and plans for use – J. Kenney reported that there are \$791.95 remaining in the current budget and that funds not used by June 30 (end of fiscal year) will be returned to the town.

Commission members agreed to the following purchases:

- 5 gallons of D/2 Biological Solution,
- A prybar to be used to adjust headstones,
- Brushes, scrapers, tongue depressors and wooden skewers to be used for headstone cleaning,
- Pump sprayers and hand sprayers to be used for headstone cleaning,
- Flag holders for veteran's graves which indicate the conflict fought in.

Regarding new signs, the commission members agreed on the content and format of the signs. Each will be made of non-reflective material, be 18" x 24" landscape and read:

Cemetery Name
Town of Peru
First Burial
Year

Repro Signs in Pittsfield will provide proofs for new signs for each of the three cemeteries.

Based on the outcome of the Annual Town Meeting, the remaining funds can be used for either the purchase of sign posts or new signs for each of the three cemeteries.

6. Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby, Cemetery Sexton, reported that there hasn't been any activity or inquiries in the past month.
I. Morrison drew the member's attention to recent brush removal at South Cemetery and the exposing of an old fence in the north east corner. The educated guess is that this section of fence may be original to the cemetery.
7. Contributing to the Town's 250th Celebration - All
 - Update from 250th Committee - The 250th Committee, responsible for the planning of the July 16 event, are asking volunteers to self-identify.

- Suggestions for the Time Capsule continue to be solicited

8. Planning for future Cemetery Commission activities or next Cemetery Commission Meetings:

A number of dates were proposed for monthly meetings but, post-meeting, found that better dates need to be proposed. J. Kenney to follow-up on that.

A list of headstones to cleaned or repaired needs to be developed.

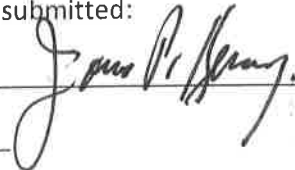
The next meeting will focus on the North Cemetery spreadsheet review prepared by I. Morrison.

9. Any Other Business: J. Kenney informed the membership that Atlas Preservation is again doing a 48-State Tour and dates for local workshops can be found on their website.

10. Adjourn Meeting at 11:08am

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman:



Date:

6/25/22