

EDGELL GROVE CEMETERY

TRUSTEES MEETING

A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF EDGELL GROVE CEMETERY WAS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 2020, AT 3:00PM CEMETERY OFFICE

THOSE PRESENT WERE:

Dennis Cardiff, Susan Silva, Peter Whiting, John Feeney, Melissa Leporati and Thom Begin

Absent: George King and Rob Ford

Call to Order at 3:00pm.

Superintendent's Report: Rob Ford is absent from the meeting. He had knee surgery at the end of January and should be returning to work by the end of February. Thom Begin gave some information towards the superintendent's report – Looking at potential expansion towards the pike area since have been removing brush, brush pile by garage is being worked on, facility review will be starting next week with John Ciccariello, exploring ideas of getting supers house onto gas and off of oil and extending that to the garage to allow heat safely into it. Melissa Leporati said sold 3 graves and there were 3 full burials and 1 cremation burial.

Budget by Thom Begin: The budget was submitted by February 7th, Parks & Rec didn't have much say to what was budgeted before but now there is a little leeway. There is a 44% increase as just a proposal to the mayor – capital to city council – Kubota tractor – same model or become creative – like getting a mini excavator – if need larger tractor can use one already have. Increasing consulting from \$17,000 last year to \$50,000 for full site survey of both properties quote approx. at \$37,000. \$99,000 for services – tree removal, pruning, grave stone repairs, maintenance, landscaper for other cemeteries etc. Small capital (under \$25,000 with life expectancy of 5 years or longer) replacement of Kubota RTV. Overall 44% increase compared to FY20. Mausoleum – the doors look amazing but can now notice the different colors between the trim and what the doors are now. They will have the same person come back and do the trim but there are other areas of the Mausoleum that need to be focused on first.

Kitchen: working with Jim Paolini but the facility review will also help get that going.

Trustees: they are willing to use money to help with getting things done or as things come up that they need help with. If they have the funds, they will help.

Secretary's Report: Susan Silva motioned to approve and accept the January Meeting Minutes – Peter Whiting 2nd – Unanimous vote to accept.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Cardiff gave the treasurer's report since George King was absent from the meeting. Operating acct has approx. \$150,000. The city needs to figure out the money situation or Dennis Cardiff wants to move it into another account to get interest on it. John Feeney motioned to accept Treasurer's Report – Susan Silva 2nd – unanimous vote to accept.

Old Business: Dennis Cardiff brought up the Belknap road property and was thinking there could be a trade with Sudbury Valley Trustees. Thom Begin and trustees will see what they can find out regarding the property.

New Business: Susan Silva brought up heat for the chapel. If getting heat to the superintendent's house then should look into getting gas to the chapel. If get heat then should get a little bathroom in chapel. Thom Begin said we will connect with purchasing on getting a new fridge and microwave for the office. Susan Silva said the Framingham History Center is requesting to use the cemetery on October 25th to do the cemetery walk – trustees gave the go ahead for them to use it.

Other: Susan Silva received an inquiry regarding the “bridge to nowhere” (bridge down back) and that there were graves on the other side of the turnpike. Susan Silva said she was here while there was a burial going on and Jesse Mazzola was here working alone. Thom Begin responded saying it was a miscommunication and it has been addressed and will not again happen moving forward.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Peter Whiting motioned to adjourn meeting at 4pm – Susan Silva 2nd – Unanimous vote to accept.