

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD  
CEMETERY COMMISSION

The Cemetery Commission for the Town of Plainfield met on Wed, Nov, 23 2019.  
at 5:30 PM at the Plainfield Fire Station

Present were commissioners Greg Light, Alice Dworkin, and Ed Hutchinson.  
Also attending were Dale Bartlet, and David Codling

The meeting was called to order at 5:35

Meeting minutes of Oct 23, 2019 were approved as published

Tree removal:

Only one proposal was received for cutting the 8 dead trees. The estimated costs for logging the entire stand would be many \$ thousands. For the 8 trees from Foxfire the bid exceeded \$3,000. Lincoln from Sylvan did not send a proposal.

I sent a note back to Nate Ebert to ask if he could assess the most critical trees and do as many as possible for \$2,500 he sent back a proposal. However he knows we are considering logging as an alternative

Greg looked into logging, and has a proposal from David Codling 476-3601.

We spent some time discussing the issues with David. It would need to be logged from outside our property perimeter. That would need adjacent landowner permission.

Who owns the land? Dale has some information and passed out nice maps.

Greg will contact adjacent owner(s?) at the north end. Ed will find out about the land on the old Rt#2 right of way, and the gravel pit side. ANR or possibly AOT it is a wetland mitigation site from work on Rt2 in Marshfield/Cabot. We need to get written permissions, permits?.

It is presumed we will need to put out a competitive RFP for the logging work.

Gate damage: Many questions.

Is there insurance?

We have one estimate of the cost of repair Blackthorne.

Will we need an RFP if it is paid by insurance? Ed will ask Linda.

Is it consensus to repair rather than replace? yes.

Is there historic value in the wrought iron craftsmanship? Yes.

Would we prefer that to modern cutting and welding repair? Yes.

Do we need to get an insurance adjuster to look at it before we do anything?

There has been correspondence with the State Police trooper and the Blackthorne estimate was sent to the police.

Monument Repairs

We still have the epoxy kit unopened from last year. Greg and Ed may somehow transport the broken stone at the village to a dry warm location for repair.

Other repairs have not been addressed successfully.

Narrative for the Town Report

Alice agreed to write up a paragraph using prior year's statements as samples.

2020~2021 Budget

Needs to be addressed at the next meeting

## Contracts

The mowing contract expires in the spring.

We need to propose language for an RFP and publish for bid openings in Jan or Feb.

RFP language needs to be done in December.

The plan is to contract for not more than 2 years, given issues with the last contracts. We need to get very specific language about exactly what is included. Specifically regarding shrubbery trimming. There also should be termination language for failure to completed all conditions of the contract.

The Sexton Contract is valid through the 2020-2021 year and will need to be addressed next fall.

No specific date was set for the next meeting

We may need to meet earlier than later as tree and gate issues evolve.

The next meeting will be arranged by email and posted.

The meeting adjourned about 6:00.