

Minutes of MCA Fall Meeting, October 22, 2022

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by President Dennis Smith.

In attendance: Dennis and Lorinda Smith, Anne Shackett, Jane Paine and Cherie Lefevre.

Guests: Sexton Chris Young, Elmore Cemetery Chair Michel Lacasse, Tina Sweet and Stacey Ferriman from Town of Morristown Finance Dept.

No changes to the agenda. No public concerns.

Motion by Lorinda to accept minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting, 2nd by Cherie, Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jane went over the latest financials from Town, report accepted. Tina explained that Stacey will now be handling our finances for the Town, Tina and Stacey will be available to answer questions.

Endowment Secretary Lorinda reported 2 lot sales since the last meeting with 2 pending. Sales FY 21-22, 9 full, 1 cremation.

President's Report: 1) Dennis introduced our new sexton, Chris Young from Eden. 2) Dennis reported that while we had no sexton, he, Joie Marshall and Gloria Wing from PVCA, Town Administrator Eric Dodge and Town Clerk Sara Hastings had held monthly meetings to go over cemetery affairs. One project completed by the group was update and creation of necessary forms. We now have a Lot Sales Receipt, Work Order for any setting foundations and monuments and any other work done in our cemeteries, and an Interment Order for all burials. Persons cleaning their own family stones need not get a work order but anyone being paid to do the cleaning must obtain one and file proof of insurance. The Work Order and Interment Order are available on our webpage. 3) It was agreed that we would no longer require urn vaults but would recommend them. Some other towns do not require them due to the added expense. 4) New signs were designed and made up that had more pertinent information than the old ones. Dennis installed these. There is one more to be done at Lakeview. 5) Temporary corner markers were designed by Dennis and Eric and built by LWI for \$4.00 each, online versions were \$8.00 and up. These are being installed to show lots available for sale and will be replaced by permanent markers upon a sale. 6) Dennis and Eric investigated the mapping of the cemeteries and found we were not able to proceed with this at this time. The new Cemsites program at the Town Clerk's office is not working as well as expected. 7) Dennis, assisted by Todd Thomas and Josh Corn, will be doing a tour of Riverside Cemetery for a program at the Library around Halloween. 8) We are having problems again this year with homeless camping just behind Riverside on MSI property and cutting through the cemetery. Morristown Police responded and assisted in removing the campers.

Grounds Reports: 1) Spaulding Property Management received all good comments for mowing and for extra work performed. 2) Randolph Cemetery still needs 2 sections of fence and driveway improvement due to a large mud spot. 3) The south fence at Mountain View has been removed and

replaced with new posts and a cable. The east fence has been repaired. 4) Broken or fallen stones need repair at Mountain View and Lakeside. One stone was repaired by Cleggs at Riverside.

Old Business: Discussion of regulation passed at annual meeting concerning size of monuments. Area memorial dealers suggested the size allowed was too small to allow sale of standard size stones. We will use the new regulation accepted by Pleasant View: Monuments shall be no more than 32 inches wide on a single four foot lot. Monuments representing multiple lots must provide an eight inch space on each side of the monument to the edge of the lots. Anne made motion to accept, second by Cherie, passed.

New Business: 1) E. H. Clegg and Company has presented a proposed contract for opening and closing graves. The version presented is not acceptable to MCA and we will attempt to sit down with John Clegg to discuss revisions, ie. pricing. Michel said Cleggs made same proposal to the Elmore Assoc. and they have not accepted it yet either. He does have a backup in line for an emergency. Chris will check with Town of Eden concerning digging there. 2) Discussion of current lot prices with motion made by Cherie to raise price for a single 4' x 12' lot to be raised to \$500 to match Pleasant View, second by Anne, passed. Cornerstones must be also purchased at current pricing, \$200 for gray. Cremation lots remain at \$240 with cornerstones already installed by MCA. 3) Chris Palermo has done some dowsing in some of our cemeteries and has found unmarked graves. It was agreed to allocate funds for some type of markers to identify them. Dennis will research. 4) Dennis has approached Town Administrator Eric Dodge and Highway Superintendent Kevin Barrows about improvements to the upper driveway at Lakeside, particularly the steep incline and poor line of sight to the north. This will be studied in the spring. 5) Dennis asked for funds to join VOCA in order to get information and advice on restoring some historic monuments, passed.

Motion to adjourn at 5:15, passed.

Notes by Jane, transcribed by Dennis