

Pleasant View Cemetery Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2024, 4PM

Present: Nancy Stewart, Connie Demars, John Clegg, Mike Buchanan, Joie Marshall
Beverly Madden (guest)

Joie called the meeting to order at 4PM. Beverly Madden had questions about getting her parents' monument reset as it is tipping. John will talk with her tomorrow. She also mentioned that she wasn't able to get water despite several tries in the new section. Joie will check with Mike to ensure lines are working properly.

Connie and Joie reported their conversations with Water & Light regarding invoices. Connie was given a total amount due of \$144.98. Penny advised Joie that PVC would be charged for use rather than a flat rate as it would be cheaper.

Minutes for 05/01/24 were reviewed. Upon motion by Nancy, seconded by Connie, they were unanimously approved.

Nancy moved for officers to remain the same. Her motion was seconded by Connie and passed unanimously. Joie advised the board that this would be her last year as president.

Joie went over the 25/26 budget. Following discussion, the motion was made by Connie and seconded by Nancy to approve the budget. All were in favor.

Conversation then shifted to the investment/finance policy. Sara Haskins has asked to be removed from the document. Upon motion by Nancy, second by Connie, all were in favor of removing Sara and reducing the amount to \$50,000.

The Vermont Legislature has required that all public meetings be recorded. That presents some challenges for PVCA since meetings are not held at the town offices. Joie has spoken with Judi Alberi and the town is looking to contract with someone to fill this need.

Mike Day continues to manage the day-to-day maintenance of PVC. The budget removed one part-time staff with the hope weather will cooperate so we can get by with one full time and two part-time staff.

Mike keeps equipment in great condition, securing service when necessary. This has saved PVC quite a bit over the years.

Joie was advised by the Town Manager that there is no money in the budget for paving the parking area at the vault, nor can they remove the broken pavement and cover the area with staymat.

Trees and overgrowth continue to be a challenge. The six maples on Washington Highway need to be removed for safety reasons. An estimate of approximately \$12,000 was obtained but the funds were not available to perform the work this year. Joie will check with the Water and Light Department to see if they can help.

Water lines on the lower portion of Washington Highway require repair. Joie will check with Mike on this.

John reported that it is standard practice for cremains to be buried above vaults. Following discussion and upon motion made by John, seconded by Nancy, all were in favor of allowing one single cremains over a casketed burial. Discussion then turned to a dual system for sale of lots. The outcome was a motion made by John, seconded by Nancy, to charge those who do not own real estate or reside in Morristown two times the price of residents or property owners. This was voted in the affirmative unanimously, to become effective January 1, 2025.

Placement of fake flowers that do not get removed at the end of the summer continue to be a problem. Staff will be requested to make a clean sweep of all fake flowers after Veteran's Day each year.

Joie reported meeting with Kevin Dorain to advise that it was against Rules and Regulations for individuals to open ground at PVC. He said he was not aware and assured it would not happen again.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, upon motion by Nancy and seconded by John, Joie adjourned the meeting at 5:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joie A. Marshall
President