

## MEETING OF THE BROOKFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 17, 2011

Called to order: 6:30 pm

Commissioners Present: Art Jay, Peter Masuzzo, Wayne Yaskoski

Non-voting present: Mike Seery, Superintendent; Herb Foley, Caretaker

Reorganization of Board: Motion made by Peter Masuzzo and seconded by Wayne Yaskoski for Art Jay to be Chairman. Art agreed to the post after discussion.

Unanimous, vote all in favor.

Approval of minutes of April 2, 2011 meeting. Motion made by Art, seconded by Wayne to approve minutes as written. Unanimous, all in favor.

Budget summary for FY to date provided by Mike Seery.

Storage Trailer: Art brought everyone up to date on his findings. At this time, it was decided to look into cleaning out and reorganizing the shed, as well as looking into either storing unused equipment at the Highway Barn, or selling it through the town's process.

Tree pruning: Mike is to contact Tony Holway of Quaboag Tree Service in regards to taking care of some trees that are in need of pruning.

Town & Country Gardens: Herb Foley suggested that we use Town & Country gardens to treat the first 5 newer sections for grubs and overspray areas that need to be re-seeded. They use a commercial grade grubicide, and can treat and seed the areas more economically than trying to do it ourselves. Herb will get a rough estimate of the cost.

Update on the Archway restoration: Having not seen or having heard from Dario yet this spring, Peter will ask Martha Lyon to contact him in regards to finishing the granite archway project. The iron gate restoration continues to be on a timeline for completion by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Window replacement: Herb and Mike said that they will take care of fixing the missing window panes.

Mulch: Herb mentioned that he had ordered a load of red bark mulch. He was asked to cancel that order, and instead get a load of the more historic dark colored mulch.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Daedalus Inc.: Martha Lyon provided Peter with the name of an iron monument preservation company that could clean and repair the Civil War Soldier's Monument. The monument needs cleaning and the fingers on one hand have a crack in across them. Peter contacted Josh Craine of Daedalus, Inc., and he said that he would look at it and provide a price. He thought that he could get the job done by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Peter made a motion and it was seconded by Art to spend up to \$1,500 from the Cemetery Improvement Account for this repair and cleaning. All in favor, unanimous.

Rededication of the Civil War monument: Ron Couture and the Historic Commission is looking to have a ceremony at the end of July to rededicate the Civil War monument in commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War. He is looking into getting period re-enactors of the Union. They would also have an encampment on the common. This would be something put together by the library, Historic Commission, and Cemetery Commission. Ron would was unsure of costs, but may need some money from the cemetery budget.

Meeting adjournment: Motion made by Wayne and seconded by Peter to adjourn at 7:33 pm. All in favor, unanimous.

Meeting reopened: Motion made by Peter and seconded by Art to reopen meeting at 7:35 pm for discussion of a tree donation. All in favor to reopen meeting, unanimous.

Peter presented that he has a Golden Cypress tree in his yard that has grown too big for its present location. In talking with Ron Couture, who is the Trustee for Shade Tree funds, he mentioned that this tree happens to be a period specific tree suitable for the landscape and re-planting at the cemetery. Peter let the Commissioner knows that he would like to donate the tree and that this donation will be from the Commissioners, to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War.

Meeting adjournment: Motion made by Peter and seconded by Art to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. All in favor, unanimous.

Submitted by Peter Masuzzo

