

MEETING OF THE BROOKFIELD CEMETERY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 21, 2011

Called to order: 6:07 pm

Present: Commissioners Art Jay, Peter Masuzzo, Wayne Yaskoski
Non-voting present: Mike Seery, Superintendent

Minutes: Motion made by Wayne Yaskoski and 2nd by Art Jay to approve the minutes of October 17, 2011 as written. All in favor.

Warrants: Motion made by Peter and 2nd by Wayne to approve and pay warrants of 11/13 Expense, and 11/10 Payroll. All in favor.

New Business:

October 31st Storm: Several trees were damaged in the storm, losing large branches. Mike, Cody and Herb should be able to do most of the cleanup. Mike noted that there is a dead tree along the wall in the old section that is leaning and should be taken down. Motion made by Peter and 2nd by Wayne to have Tony from Quaboag Tree take it down and do other needed work, but not to exceed \$1000.

Soldier's monument gravestone repair: Motion made by Peter and 2nd by Wayne to have Daedalus Inc. repair the gravestone over the winter for the amount of \$1,100. This money is to be expended from the Perpetual Care account.

Snowplowing: Art will ask Herb C. of the Highway if they could take care of plowing the cemetery as needed.

Mower and tractor maintenance: Mike called City Power and they will do the repairs on the walk behinds and zero turn mower but they do not come out to Brookfield for pick up. Peter will coordinate with Mike to get the mowers over and picked up. Mike will call 146 Supply in regards to what maintenance the tractor needs. It has 500 hours on it.

Prouty Street property: Peter mentioned that Ron Couture wanted the Commissioner's support in his request to use the house for the storage of historic records and maps. We should also look into having the maps digitally recorded and stored. No vote taken.

Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund Grant: Peter mentioned that Martha has agreed to write the grant should matching funding become available to repair and restore the archway gate. The project is estimated to cost \$40,000 - \$50,000.

Caretaker Position: Discussion of making a full time position in conjunction with / or shared position with the Highway department.

Adjournment: Motion made by Wayne and seconded by Peter to adjourn at 7:15 pm. All in favor.

Submitted by Peter Masuzzo