

Enfield Cemetery Trustees Minutes
11May2023

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Enfield Town Office Conference Room

1803 Called to order by the sextant, Bridget. In attendance, Bridget Labrie, Brian Degnan, Rick Argent, Ainsley Klauser, Neal Meagher(arrives 6:06)

1804 Waiting for Neal.

1806 Sextant calls for reorganization. Need to select Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Brian nominates Neal as Chair, Neal declines. Neal nominates Ainsley Klauser as chair. Neal tenders his resignation as he's moving out of town. Ainsley nominates Brian for secretary.

Current committee is:

Ainsley as Chair

Brian as Secretary

1811 Ainsley raises minutes. Vote to accept minutes as-is. Neal motions. Brian seconds. 2- yes, 1- abstention

1813 Sextants report. 5 burials up and coming or past so far this year. The mats that were purchased to protect the ground during full-burials when the ground is wet were used. Those worked out nicely. We will discuss full Saturday burials and costs.

1820 DPW Report(Rick): Saturday burials are expensive. It was rather bad last week due to the rain. It took Friday, Saturday was 5 hours for two people due to the weather conditions. We covered the plot for minimal compliance. On Monday we finished it off. The Kioti being on-site is convenient. We were also given a windshield replacement for the Kioti tractor.

Sextant: We need to be sure to cover our costs on these activities.

DPW: We are at the mercy of the vault company for timing. Even if you want an 1100, you cannot be sure that the vault will be setup. We had to spend an hour getting the pumps set up. Being at the mercy of the weather, we might need to reconsider how to cover the costs.

Sextant: We'll have to figure out how to cover the costs for the opening/closing. The weekend burials really eat into our budget.

Brian: Should we just save money by not having burials on weekends?

Sextant: Or just have cremations...

Ainsley: What percentage happen on weekends?

DPW: just handful.

Neal: I don't think this would be a big deal to employers as people can get things off. I think we should consider eliminating the burials on Saturday.

DPW: We could get it all done during the week, and then they could have a service.

Sextant: We should speak to the funeral homes. I feel that many are at 1100.

Brian: I make a motion to have a change the rules so that there are no burials on Saturday. Neal seconds. Ainsley calls the vote. Vote unanimous.

Neal: I would like to make a motion to add the rule change to the agenda. Brian seconds. Ainsley calls vote. Unanimous.

Neal: I think the greatest reason for this is to help keep and retain people. Being on call for Saturday doesn't help with overtime or happiness of the workers.

DPW: It's 5 people and equipment.

Orders of Business: Sign project

Sextant: 3 quotes. If the amount is over 5k, it has to go out for official bids. I have an email compiled for this reason.

Contractor 1(Fast Lane Graphix): it's \$3,792 for trimless signs. If you want the trim, it's \$5k+. The difference is due to labor. The other option is PVC board, at \$425 each. It'd be around \$5,400.

Contractor 2(Alan Charbono): Clear coated PVC with brackets at \$7800 for adjusted size to get more out of a board. For current size, it's \$9,400. There's a cheaper material with no clear coat for \$3,800.

Contractor 3(Dave Dugdale): PVC sign with painted gold letter outline. For larger sign, 2.5k each. Smaller is 1.5k each.

Neal: Without presentation, I would be more apt to vote for Contractor 2 with clear coat.

Sextant: (shows images) I'm partial to have the year of establishment on the signs with an "est" as people see the 1997 on the Countryside sign as an address. I'm fine with an adjusted sign as it's 2" shorter and 2k cheaper. We should have plenty of money in the expendable trust funds to do this without any special project money. If we can get the \$7,800 dollar one completely covered, we will be in good shape on the budget still if we can use any of trusts.

Neal: Did we encumber funds for this?

Sextant: No. We did that for the surveying. I'll send an email to Alisa to go through the process. Will send email to Ed/Alisa.

Sextant: I cannot find the rules.

Brian: Please put rule review on agenda for next meeting.

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Chair: Moving to goals.

Sextant: This was regarding green burials. Pat said we should have a plan, so we should come up with a plan. There are a lot of pieces to green burial.

Chair: I'm interested in green burial. I'd like to review.

1917 Chair: Other business.

Neal: I did it first, my resignation. You should talk to Angus.

1919 Neal: Motion to adjourn. Brian second.