

# TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE

## Stockbridge Cemetery Commission Minutes

Tuesday, Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
Town Offices, 50 Main Street. In Person and via Zoom.

### **Present:**

Karen Marshall, Chair  
Candace Currie, Vice-chair, At-large  
Patrick White, Select Board  
Pat Flinn, LHA representative  
Hugh Page, Highway Superintendent  
Mike Canales, Town Administrator

### **Guests:**

Peter Williams, Historical Commission

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am.

**Approval of Minutes:** October (with corrected spelling of 'Sergeant'), and November 2023 Minutes Approved

### **Following Up...**

#### Signs for Open Cemetery Hours

Page will re-engage MassCor (sign manufacturers) for an update on the Cemetery Open sign. Lead time is 4 – 5 weeks. Page will cc Marshall and Currie on any correspondence related to the sign.

#### Mowers, Weedwhackers & Garage

All equipment is being tuned up and the Garage is getting cleaned up and organized. Highway Department is making special weed trimmers that have covers to protect the stones from damage.

### **Private Sewer Line Runs Through Cemetery**

A private sewer (that is connected to active rental property) running through the newest section of the Cemetery has had several problems this year, and has recently repaired. Learning of this, Marshall contacted the owner about actually moving the sewer line now or at some point in the future.

While the owner is willing to have it moved, he is not willing to pay for such a move. The Commission would prefer to move the line. Canales and Page agreed that the Highway and the Water & Sewer Departments will prepare some initial cost estimates.

### **Preservation Work Historic Stones**

- Preservation Consultants, Inc (PCI) provided a contract for more stone cleaning and training workshops of a total cost of \$45,200 for three consecutive weeks of cleaning with volunteer support. Discussion that three straight weeks might be

a long haul for some volunteers. Could the three weeks be spread out across spring, summer and fall? Marshall will talk with Ian Stewart, of PCI

- **MOTION – Approve the \$45,200 for 3 weeks of cleaning and to determine if the weeks are consecutive or spread out across 2023.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> and Approved.**
- Preservation Consultants, Inc (PCI) provided a contract for resetting 173 stones in the Old section. One week of training was proposed for the Highway Department and a 2<sup>nd</sup> week with volunteers and Highway Department. The cost estimate is \$32,800. However, it was felt the Highway Department alone should be trained and not additional volunteers. Highway Department cannot dedicate one straight week of time for this training, and may have to spread out the training over a number of weeks. Scheduling to be ironed out by Canales and Page speaking with PCI.

#### **By-Laws – Draft emailed to Committee**

1.1 – The number of committee members was discussed. After considering seven or six, the Commission settled on five, including a Laurel Hill A representative and a Select Board member.

1.2 – ‘Residents or taxpayers’, has been replaced with ‘Residents and homeowners’.

#### **Policies – Monuments, Markers, Plants and Decorations**

Currie to update the draft for discussion at the next meeting; this draft did not include planters but will be included in the next.

#### **CPC Funds**

White recommended to Marshall that a proposal for the work on the Sergeant Tombs be written for PCI work to raise the Sergeant table monuments. Deadline is February 10<sup>th</sup>; White will assist in Select Board approval.

#### **Meeting Adjourned 11:00**

#### **For next meeting...Following Up**

Page requested Utilities and Water discussion at the garage.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday February 28, 2023 10:00 am**