

Town of Wiscasset
Ad hoc Cemetery Committee

MINUTES

August 16, 2021

Present at 5pm at the Woodlawn Cemetery: Peter Wells, Loretta Morse-Leighton, Mark Light and Becky Applin.

We reconvened at the Wiscasset Municipal Building at 6pm. Present: Peter Wells, Loretta Morse-Leighton, Mark Light, Becky Applin, Terri Wells, Steve Christiansen and Sarah Whitfield (Selectboard Liaison).

Absent: Anthony Rauseo

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Becky Applin.

Motion to accept the August 2 minutes was made by Terri Wells, it was 2nd by Mark Light (6-0)

Discussion: Peter Wells asked why the language of “ground cover” was removed from the Concept D archway entrance design. We all agreed that there should not be shrubs or trees, but Peter suggested that there should be ground cover no higher than 12” that would be easy to maintain. All members agreed to ground cover as part of the Concept D design.

Discussion: We discussed whether we should respond as a committee to two recent Letters to the Editor from two Wiscasset community residents concerning the Cemetery fence and entryway. Judy Flanagan shared a Letter to the Editor that she sent to the Wiscasset and Lincoln County papers as a response to clarify accurate facts. We decided as a committee to not respond since Judy’s letter stated that the funds from the Perpetual Care account, which does not include tax moneys, was approved. The Perpetual Care account currently has \$2,603,366.

The money for the entryway and two benches needs to be on the Special Town Meeting warrant to allow for the use of money from the Cemetery Plot Sales, which also does not include any tax money. This account currently has \$142,163.

Old business:

3a) Finalize Committee by-laws: Sarah Whitfield is compiling our revisions to the by-laws and will bring this for us to review at our September 20 meeting.

3b) Sarah will bring the Cemetery Location map to the next, September 20, meeting before it will be laminated. Peter offered to spruce up the map with color and graphics prior to lamination.

3c) Visiting Town Cemeteries: after visiting Woodlawn Cemetery there was a brief discussion about the massive trees and stonewall damage, due to a car crash. Steve suggested seeing if someone might volunteer, and possibly putting out to bid, to find someone to fix the damage to the stone fence at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Peter motioned for our Committee to next visit Greenlawn Cemetery at 5pm on September 20, Loretta 2nd this motion (6-0). Terri will be unable to attend this 5pm meeting but will join the group as they reconvene at the Wiscasset Municipal Building at 6pm.

3d) We discussed the Wiscasset Cemetery Regulations and revised the language and facts. Sarah will bring the edited and revised copy to our Sept 20 meeting for our review.

New business:

4a) Finalize Committee by-laws and review the regulations. Look at Cemetery forms/attachments A, B, and C for burial plots and memorials.

4b) Update the Cemetery Location map.

4c) Jackson Cemetery fund discussion.

4d) Discuss meeting one time or two times a month as a committee.

Peter Wells made a motion to adjourn at 7:17pm, Mark Light 2nd this motion (6-0).

Terri Wells, Secretary