

Ryegate Cemetery Commission Minutes

January 11, 2024

Present- Rick Colby – Chair, Melissa Mann – Vice Chair, Bill Nelson- Treasurer, Dan LaCoss- Secretary, Bruce Nelson- member at large

The Ryegate Cemetery Commission met at the home of Bill and Jenny Nelson on January 11, 2024. The chair Rick Colby called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Secretary Report- The secretaries report was read, and Melissa moved to accept it, Bill seconded, and the report was approved.

Treasurer Report- Bill gave the treasurers report, he reported there was \$7,607.33 on hand in the checking account as of December 31, 2023. There was \$13,430.09 income for 2023 and \$14,562.97 of expenses. CD investments are earning between 4.5% and 4.65% interest depending on the CD and the savings account is earning .05% interest. The American Funds investment paid a dividend of \$430.09; the total investment income was \$3,649.66. In his report Bill spoke about the increased cost of lot corner post, noting it cost \$190 to buy and set corner posts and we are charging \$125 and that we need to increase our price to cover the expense. Bruce moved to accept the treasurers report and was seconded by Melissa and the report was accepted.

Budget- The Lawn mowing of the cemeteries was discussed and Dan said Rouleau's property management was interested in continuing to mow the lawns, but that the price would go up \$500 to \$10,500. The Budget was finalized with \$250 budgeted for electricity, \$10,500, \$2,500 for Cemetery Maintenance, \$250 for dues and \$1,800 for a flagpole for either Hall or Pinehurst cemetery, leaving a total budgeted expenses at \$15,300. The committee projects \$2,300 from investment income and will request 13,000 as the town appropriation.

Old Business- Rick said he has not had a chance to get clarification of the property lines along the lower fence in Blue Mountain cemetery where the trees need to be cut so the fence can be repaired, he will work on this. Rick will also reach out to find someone who is willing to cut the trees and remove them.

New Business- Bruce asked if there was an inventory of available lots in each cemetery. Rick said that both Hillside and Hall cemetery are full and that there is space available in Pinehurst and Blue Mountain cemeteries he did not know the exact number. Bruce would like the committee to consider having the rest of the space available in Pinehurst to be surveyed into lots. Bill mentioned he could investigate what the cost would be of surveying the additional lots.

Adjourn- Bruce moved to adjourn and Bill seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Public Comment- None

Respectfully Submitted,

-Dan LaCoss- Secretary