

## Ryegate Cemetery Committee Meeting

April 21, 2023

**Present-** Rick Colby- Chair, Melissa Mann- Vice Chair, Bill Nelson- Treasurer, Dan LaCoss Secretary

The Ryegate Cemetery Committee meet on April 21, 2023 at the home of Bill and Jenny Nelson. Chair Rick Colby called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

**Secretary Report-** The minutes were read and Melissa moved to accept the minutes as read and it was seconded by Bill and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer Report-** The treasurers report was given by Bill. He reported there was \$8,827.66 in the checking account and \$91 was received as a quarterly dividend from investments and the Ameriprize fund had a balance of \$25,936 in it. Bill also suggested looking at moving monies that were in the Wells River Savings Bank Savings account into one of the CD's when they matured in the fall. Melissa moved to accept the treasurers report and it was 2cnded by Dan and the treasurers report was approved.

**Old Business-** The committee revisited the idea of putting a flag pole in the Hillside cemetery, it was moved by Bill that Dan reach out to Gettysburg Flag works and arrange for purchase of the flag pole, which was 2cnded by Melissa and the motion passed. The goal is to have it installed by Memorial Day and possibly have a service at the cemetery.

Josh Rouleau has agreed to mow the cemetery lawns for \$10,000 for the summer. Dan will work on drafting a contract for everyone to sign.

Rick reported that Stacey Slayton was going to help with the Juniper bush problem at Pinehurst Cemetery.

**New Business-** Tom Gandin plans to start cleaning stones in the Hillside Cemetery this summer and Tony Dennis plans to do burials.

Rick reported on the price of burial lots at several other local cemeteries. The Committee discussed possibly reevaluating the price of our burial lots while keeping in mind that we want to keep lots affordable for local residents.

It was discussed that trees need to be cut along the lower cemetery fence in Blue Mountain so the fence can be repaired. Rick is working to understand the property lines along the fence and seek the other owners approval to cut the trees. We are tentatively looking to do repairs to the fence in the spring of 2024. \$1,000 has been set aside for fence repairs.

**Public Comment-** None

Melissa moved we adjourn, 2cnded by Dan and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

-Dan LaCoss- Secretary