Town of Chebeague Island

Cemetery Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

MONTHLY MEETING 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
At the Chebeague Library @ 3pm
Next meeting -- Monday April 20, 2009 3 pm

Minutes

Present: Deb Bowman, Lynne Priest, Dick & Dianne Calder, Gail Miller

Call to order by Deb Bowman 1:05 pm

Approval of Minutes: unanimous

Communications: State of Maine Cemetery Assoc. dues are due - $25.00 Dianne will take care of paying the dues.

Treasurers Report: Lynne presented the ’09-’10 budget and after discussion it was decided to increase the Superintendent Services line and the Cemetery Repairs line. The adjusted budget was accepted unanimously and Lynne will adjust and present the updated version at the next meeting.

Lynne brought the July 1, 2007 warrant article which shows what funds the Town of Chebeague got from the Town of Cumberland Cemetery Association.

Dianne suggested that we recommend that 75% of the sale of lots go into the Perpetual Care Fund (PCF) and 25% go into the administrative account. After discussion Deb moved that we recommend that 80% go into PCF and 20% into Admin. Acct. It was 2nd and vote was unanimous.

Deb will look at state regs and see if it’s mandated how funds are kept.

Deb will be attending Town meeting to represent the Cemetery Committee and present the budget. Lynne will get an up-dated copy ready.

Lowering device: Dick will be getting prices for a new lowering device. The old one croaked 10 years ago. The price is in the range of $2500. - $3000. Dick and Dianne are authorized to purchase the device spending no more than $3000.00. They will also get new Green Covers for dirt piles.

Superintendent’s report: Dick reported that he’s not getting any where with the talks about the Cemetery Expansion project. He will start these discussions with the Town people anew this spring.
The Committee asked Dick and Dianne to keep records of the jobs they do at the Cemetery so that when they can’t get in the truck to go up there any more someone else can take over.
This is a partial list:

**Spring Clean-up**
- Trim hedge (with Calder hedge trimmer – they need to charge out for their trimmer)
- Dick hauled 5 truck loads of fallen limbs to the brush dump
- Artificial flower removal
- Raking cones and other debris before mowing season
- Bad tree removal @ Herman Riddle/Gray lot – Dave Tardy, Eagle Tree suggested to be taken down. Tom Calder and Dick can do this
- Run the water line to at least the first road
- Dick will fill gullies – Town guys brought 2 loads of loam for this

**Short term projects:**
- *Organize Volunteer Clean-up day. To be held Sat. May 9, 2009 at 8 am* Refreshments provided. Gail will put a notice in the May Calendar
- *Deb and Dianne will write something to go into the Calendar about Rules and Regs*
- *Deb will call Nancy Putnam Vachon to see what the status is of her project*
- *Gail will ask Donna Damon about the Hamilton boy and his work at the Cemetery*

**Long term projects:**
- *Tomb house will need to be re-shingled soon.*
- *Get stone repair quote & schedule oldest/most damaged*
- *Develop area for new lots*
- *Markers for roads*
- *Purchase Vehicle so as not to have to use Rescue*

Meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm
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