

# Town of Wiscasset - Cemetery Committee - MINUTES (Draft)

November 7, 2022

1. Present: Peter Wells, Becky Applin, and Steve Christiansen.

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m. by Becky Applin

2. Motion was made to accept the October 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Vote 3 - 0

3. Old business:

3a). After talking about the name of the map itself, the various names for the burial grounds and the fact that the various locations aren't necessarily Town cemeteries we decided to table this item until Spring. We can further research the names and locations of the burial grounds and look into which locations are Town owned cemeteries vs private burial locations.

3b). A preliminary survey report for the Ancient Cemetery has been completed. We talked about the fact that the report shows encroachment on the cemetery property in more than one area. Due to the encroachments there could be liability issues that the Town may or may not decide to pursue.

The cedar trees and the maple tree to the left side of the cemetery facing the water are found to be on cemetery land. The Town will now be able to address the issue of removing the trees. Steve is familiar with the Hawkes removal vendor and may be able to work with the road commissioner to have this project added to the 2023/24 cemetery budget. Steve will follow up on this aspect.

The Town manager will eventually receive a completed report from the surveyor and he will determine how to present this to the Board. I am in hopes that the report will be registered in the County registry. Once we know the Managers direction, the committee could discuss recommendations to the Board for any actions they may discuss.

3c). We talked about several ideas for the 2023/24 Cemetery budget, including restoration work, the Evergreen Cemetery tomb restoration, record keeping and tree removal and stump grinding. We decided to obtain a rough estimates for restoration work in the Ancient Cemetery and some tree removal. If the Manager has interest in putting these ideas into the upcoming budget we can refine the estimates.

3d). We decided to wait for a full committee to be present to discuss our priorities for 2023.

4. New business:

4a). We talked about suspending meetings until the Spring. It was decided to meet again in December and talk about that when we could have all members present. Not everyone is available for the December 5 meeting. The municipal bldg room isn't available on December 12. Becky will contact the Community Center to find a space to meet.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn.

Submitted by

Becky Applin, Chair in the absence of Secretary, Mark Light