

There will be a Cemetery Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 7:30PM.  
The meeting may be accessed by telephone at Free Conference Call

Dial up number: 701-802-5469 access code. 5871133

**Agenda:**

Approve minutes of 1/9/22

**New Business**

Budget adjustment to Superintendent's Salary

Potential projects

Repair of sinkholes at Mount and should we do anything else while equipment is up there

**Old Business**

Status of Ireland Street Cemetery project

? gravel for road from HD

Proposed changes to R&R

Examine pricing again before finalizing

Any other business

**Chesterfield Cemetery Commission Minutes**

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**Present:** Dee Cinner, Rick Roberts, Frederica Chick

**Select Board Liaison:** Trish Colson-Montgomery

**Guests:**

Minutes of 1/9/22 approved with 2 minor wording corrections.

At the suggestion of the Finance Committee, \$1,000 was added to the request for funds for the line-item Superintendents salary. For projects for these funds Dee suggested trimming back growth on the upper side of Mount Cemetery, cutting up the downed trees from the microburst about 5 years ago just behind the stone wall in the upper section, and when new part of Ireland Street Cemetery is finished to mark the rows at least and then mark plots as they are sold. Also, Superintendent should investigate commercial mapping and inventory programs for cemeteries. Frederica said that the new Cem Comm member in Windsor is going to write a program for their cemeteries and she will contact him about this.

There is a safety hazard at Mount Cemetery with several sink holes needing repair. Zononi noted that they were dangerous for his workers last year. Rick Roberts suggested filling them with crushed gravel, compacting, covering with earth, then seeding. He feels it would not be a good idea to start digging around the graves. He gave a price of \$1,000 including some loam and 8 yards of gravel. We had discussed having the Highway Department deliver the materials but it was decided that would be a messier option and the slight amount of money that might be saved would be more than used up in getting the grounds cleaned up from having the materials dumped on site.

Dee asked Trish if this job would go out to bid. She will talk to Roger. Dee is very uncomfortable to have anyone else digging in the cemeteries.

Brenda sent out blank price lists to 4 or 5 gravestone conservators but no one would give general pricing without seeing each individual stone. Roger is adamant that no work can be done unless it goes out to bid. As a result, the base and installation for Silence Bonney Memorial and all gravestone conservation projects are put on hold indefinitely.

Ireland Street Cemetery project will be started as soon as weather permits. Dee will talk to Matt that Rick will be calling him to get a load of gravel dumped down there. This is for improvement of the easement road so heavy trucks can have access to the back part of the cemetery. Rick is not charging to do this improvement on the road. It is not in the contract.

Dee and Trish will meet next week to work on the changes in the Rules and Regulations and bring it back to the Commission before submitting it to the Select Board. She would like to reexamine prices before the update is finished, particularly the weekend charge for a full grave opening/closing. Rick will think about if an increase is necessary. Frederica also thought we should limit weekend full burials so they can start only from 9-11 am. This will be discussed further.

There was a discussion of cremains plots: How many cremains, how many markers and size. We are in agreement that cremains plots can only have flat markers. Dee opined that one marker at least 12"x24" be allowed per plot. She felt numerous smaller markers would only get dislodged from mowers running over them. Also, the appearance would be better.

Dee will call memorial company to see how many names can be put 12x24 marker.

Rick suggested that we look at putting a hardpack parking area in Center Cemetery.

Dee will contact Matt to have him remove the existing pile of dirt at the top.

Dee suggested we schedule a site visit to look at this issue and also sink holes and trees at Mount and if more trees need to be removed behind the stone wall so machinery can be maneuvered.

Submitted by Dee Cinner