

## Islesboro Cemetery Committee

Minutes of Meeting Nov. 29, 2016

Present: Carole Nichter, Cindy Gorham, John Boardman, Bill Boardman, Murton Durkee, AnneMarie Mouw

The meeting was called to order. Minutes from Dec. 15, 2016 were reviewed and accepted. A quorum was established.

Election of Officers: The following were elected to office: Carole Nichter-Chairman, Cindy Gorham-Co Chair, Brenda Thomas-Secretary. Other members on the committee are John Boardman, Bill Boardman, Murton Durkee, AnneMarie Mouw.

Several cemetery signs that were given several coats of varnish by John Boardman are now at Carole Nichters until spring when they will be installed. John will be doing several more signs over the winter with several coats of varnish.

Jan Harmon has offered the town a piece of land she owns that is directly behind the Sprague Cemetery. She would put it in her will. The offer comes with some stipulations. We must put up a rock wall around the perimeter and also pay for a survey. The committee discussed it and decided we do not have the budget to accept what would be required at this time. Cemetery lots are not selling as a rule in most cemeteries and we have a large section open for lots at Bayview Cemetery. Carole will write Ms. Harmon a letter explaining the situation.

The old Williams Burial Ground on land owned by Mr. McCaw has been excavated by archeologist hired by land owner. Human remains were found including a skull. The land was covered over and work at the site was stopped. Nothing will be done with this site at this time until the committee can figure out its options.

A vote was taken and approved to buy two Christmas wreaths for the town cemeteries. AnnMarie Mouw will purchase them and put them up. Cindy Gorham will remove them in the spring.

Budget: It was decided that the committee will ask for the same amount for our 2017 budget that we asked for last year . \$8000.00. Carole will make a list

of projects we will need the funding for. They include tree work, rock wall work at Sprague Cemetery, several grave stones in Bayview and Sprague that need repair and loam and fill dirt for work being done at Sherman Point cemetery. As of today, Nov. 29, 2016 we have \$7761.00 in the budget.

John Dove will be notified to see if he can repair the wall at Sprague Cemetery.

Sherman Point Cemetery: Carole proposed a possible solution to getting the repairs done that are needed at Sherman Point. It would be called Adopt a Plot and would involve each committee member overseeing volunteers to work on a small section of the cemetery doing needed dirt work and repairs/preservation. Larger stones might have to be done by professional. A list of ideas was handed out for members to review and we will discuss it at the spring meeting.

Headstones at Bayview and Sprague will be inspected in the spring to see which ones need attention for work to be done in the spring. We will assign members to do this at our next meeting.

Flags have been taken in for the winter, cleaned and are stored at the town office.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

Respectfully,

Carole Nichter-Chairman