

Mount Vernon Cemetery Board Of Trustees
West Boylston Town Hall
140 Worcester Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2020

Participants: Chmairman Jack McCormick, Peter Rotando, Ron Menard,
Cemetery Foreman Kevin McKee

1. "Zoom" teleconference meeting opened by Chm Jack McCormick at 10:05AM.
2. A roll call was taken, showing that all were present.
3. The March 11, 2020 meeting minutes were read. One correction was noted regarding item #10. The Walker mower was repaired, not the Kubota tractor. The minutes were otherwise approved by the Board.
4. The April 10, 2020 teleconference meeting minutes were read and unanimously approved.
5. The Board unanimously approved Kevin McKee's request to buy back one week (40 hrs.) of vacation, with the understanding that it is to be used by September 1st, 2020.
6. Kevin requested a new chainsaw to replace the aging one that would be too expensive to repair. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved up to \$600. for this request, especially since there are a number of cemetery trees that are dead or dying and will need to be removed.
7. Kevin also requested a pair of new line trimmers to replace the aging, leaking ones they've been using. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved this request.
8. Kevin also requested that we purchase a gas-powered pressure washer. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved this expenditure, up to a maximum of \$800.
9. Kevin requested that we, the Board, consider a \$15,000. investment in a backhoe attachment to our tractor. The dirt at the cremation site on "Drown's Hill" is like cement, and there are number of trees that will soon need to be dug up. After much discussion, the Board took this matter under advisement.
10. Kevin was advised by Reservoir Garage that the new truck will soon need new tires at a cost of roughly \$1500. The Board unanimously approved this expense, but not until the fall.
11. Kevin stated that 12 to 14 trees on the cemetery property need to be replaced. The cost will be \$200. per new tree, plus a \$100. delivery fee. After discussion, the Board unanimously approved the replacement of the 6 worst trees for now, at a cost of about \$1300.
12. The Board advised Kevin to have The DPW remove the dead trees, instead of D. Edilberti.
13. According to Kevin, Mrs. Elolampi mentioned to him her concern regarding kids on scooters playing near her husband's grave. Children are not allowed to play in the cemetery. Kevin, Lance, and Board members will be watching for and curtailing any such activity.
14. Per Kevin, The Chapel work is completed. Jack urged Kevin to pay the contractor soon. Ron asked Kevin to have the work reviewed by a qualified expert, whom the Board agrees to pay for his time and his written report. Kevin said that the work looks very acceptable.
15. Jack thanked Kevin and Lance for their work to prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day.
16. Jack mentioned that the Town is currently operating on a one-twelfth budget, meaning that each month's expenditures will be no more than one-twelfth of last year's budget.

- until the new fiscal year's budget is approved at the upcoming Town Meeting.
17. The next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2020 at 10:00AM.
 18. Motion made by Ron M. to adjourn, seconded by Peter R. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Menard

Ron Menard, Clerk

approved on 7/22/2020