

Town of Lebanon, Connecticut, Cemetery Commission Special Meeting, October 21, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chmn. Keith LaPorte in the Fire Safety Complex. Members present: Keith LaPorte, Tom Meyer, Marc Lang, Allyn Miller, Dan Moore. Also present: Sexton Marcia Schuett and Jean Reichard, Recording Secretary. Members absent: Shaun McCarthy. Daniel DelBiondo has resigned from the Commission. No Public present: no public comments. Sexton's Report: since the last meeting there have been 29 burials: 9 full and 20 cremations. In North Lebanon she has sold 4 single plots and 1 cremation spot. There are 15 single plots left in New Lebanon. A cornerstone area was disturbed and damage has been repaired.

Tom commented on Cemetery Accts. (sheet attached). Up-to-date figures were not available this week. Comments on North Lebanon Cemetery: Direction signs are up at Synagogue Rd. and Cook Hill Rd. junction and at Rte. 87 and Cook Hill Rd. junction. Motion by Allyn, second by Marc to approve up to \$7900.00 from Capital Budget balance for the rest of development in North Lebanon Cemetery, including but not limited to screening, tree removal, and repairs. Passed unanimous. Motion by Allyn, second by Tom that the Commission will assign Tom and Keith, along with the Sexton, to write the Scattering Remains protocol, including cost and fees. Passed unanimous. Motion by Allyn, second by Tom to schedule a site walk after a date to be determined. Passed unanimous. It was agreed that Tom, Keith and Marcia investigate State Requirements for Green Burial, plus definition of same, and report back to the Commission. Under Cemetery Maintenance, Tom reported we lost the Grant for Neglected Cemeteries which expired in September due to wet conditions and no crew available due to COVID. Dan Moore reported on the status of cleaning and repairs in Exeter and other cemeteries. Secretary was instructed to include in these minutes: Thanks to Dan Moore, a licensed applicator, for using the approved product Wet & Walk Away in Center and Exeter cemeteries. Motion by Allyn, second by Marc, to ask for quote for cleanup of the perimeter of Center Cemetery and allocate \$1000.00 from Maintenance and if that amount is not there, to pull money out of the Plots Fund to clean up Center Cemetery perimeter. Passed unanimous. Motion by Allyn, second by Dan, to have Allyn, Keith and Marc review the mowing and lawn maintenance contract and make recommendations for changes to the contract to include the cemeteries. Passed unanimous. Motion by Allyn, second by Dan to approve up to \$1500.00 to eradicate Bermuda Grass in New Lebanon Cemetery. Passed unanimous. Per Dan, the work should be completed by Nov.30, or tabled. Tom reported Software is up and running, with list of changes needed. Survey has been done so they can do the mapping. Marcia & Sue Coutu have been going thru computer files, showing where plots are located. Allyn noted the hedge at New Lebanon needs to be lowered. Dan will discuss with Prides the proper maintenance of that hedge and Tom will put a line item in the 5 year plan. Agreed to add to Agenda: Motion by Tom, second by Allyn to approve meeting dates in 2021 as presented (copy attached) to be held at the FSC at 6:00 P.M. Passed unanimous. Motion by Marc, second by Tom, to approve the December 3, 2019 minutes. Passed unanimous. Motion by Marc, second by Allyn, to recommend the appointment by the Selectmen of any new members and any incumbent whose term expires in 2021. Passed unanimous. Motion by Marc, second by Allyn, to spend up to \$300.00 to replace the Scoville Cemetery sign if needed. Passed unanimous. Motion by Tom, second by Allyn, to adjourn at 8:00 P.M. Passed unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, J. Reichard, Recording Secretary