

Waitsfield Cemetery Commission Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2023
Waitsfield Town Office

Present: Nancy Coombs, Laura Brines, Mark Peal and guest, Robin McDermott

Meeting 6:00 PM

1. Election of Officers: Unanimously approved.
 - a. Mark Peal, President; Nancy Coombs, Treasurer; Laura Brines, Secretary
2. Review of minutes of November 15, 2022: unanimously approved.
3. President's Report: Unanimously approved.
 - a. Mark congratulated Nancy on being elected to a 5 year term as a Cemetery Commissioner and for her willingness to take on the role of treasurer.
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - a. Nancy shared the excel format she is using for WCC her Treasurer's report. She likes this software a lot.
 - b. Nancy and Mark will meet soon to review what the Treasurer's role entails.
5. Sexton's Report: No report, George's job resumes April 15, 2023.
 - a. George is in the second year of his three contract.
 - b. We all appreciate George so much! Thank you George!
 - c. George stepped off the WCC as a commissioner.
 - d. Mark will get in touch with George to discuss how George will share his Sexton's report, etc. now that he not regularly attending meetings.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Laminated cemetery signs: Mark will check with George to see if those have been put in place. Nancy also mentioned that one of the sign podiums needs to be repaired/replaced.
 - b. Flagpole lights: decision was made to keep the flags up from April-November, as we have been doing, and not to invest in lights to illuminate the flags. Last Fall Jim Boylan had expressed concern that the flags were not properly lit. The WCC does not want to add more light to the night sky.
 - c. Cemetery page on Town website: Mark will update the info re. WCC officers and new member.
 - d. NEMRC cemetery module: the intention is to begin entering cemetery data this year.
 - e. Lot deeds: Mark will look for the work that Janice and Vickie, former WC Commissioners, had started. To be continued.
 - f. Broken fence around Irasville Cemetery: to be discussed at the April WCC meeting.
 - g. Wait Cemetery: wall needs repair: to be discussed at the April WCC meeting.
 - h. Natural Burials: reviewed the WCC policy.

- i. Waitsfield Cemetery Trustees: Mark suggests that we wait to see how things evolve between the Trustees and the Selectboard before scheduling a meeting between the Trustees and the WCC.
7. New Business:
- a. Vacant seat on the WCC
 - i. Laura nominates Robin McDermott, Mark seconds. Robin is unanimously voted in as a new WC Commissioner! Yipppeeeee!
 - ii. Robin will go to the Town Office to be sworn in ASAP.

Next meeting: April 25, 2023, 6pm Waitsfield Town Office

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Brines, WCC Secretary