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Redding Historic Cemetery Committee

A Committee of the Office of the Board of Selectmen

Minutes

January 19, 2023

Meeting called to order at 2:02 PM at the Mark Twain Library Conference Room. Committee Members Present: Joe Bonomo, Janice Dimon, Sean McNamara, Bruce Nelson, Louise Wagner.

Minutes of December 7, 2022 Meeting.

Motion: To accept the Minutes of Meeting held on December 7, 2022, as published. Passed Unanimously.

Committee Mission Statement formulation. The DRAFT Mission Statement for the Redding Historic Cemetery Committee (RHCC) was submitted to the Board of Selectman for consideration on October 28, 2022. Pending response.

Status of Abel Sanford headstone. The return of the Abel Sanford gravestone to Redding and communication from Dr. Matthew Rowley of Monroe remains unchanged from the last meeting. Bruce Nelson will reach out to the First Selectwoman to remind her RHCC is pending a response from her and the Town Attorney to our October 28, 2022, letter for advice and resolution of this situation.

RHCC Special Fund for Non-Recurring Projects - Transfer of Redding Historical Society cemetery remnant funds to Town. The Redding Historical Society submitted a check for \$2,512.40, representing remnant cemetery funding. On December 7th, RHCC turned over the check to the Town for transfer to the RHCC Special Fund for Non-Recurring Projects (Non-Expiring Fund).

RHCC Budget for FY 24 (2023-2024). The DRAFT Budget Submission consisting of Recurring (O & M), and the Special Fund (Non-recurring) Capital Budget, as approved on October 27, 2022, was submitted to the Town on October 28, 2022, for FY24 (period ending

June 30, 2024). Approval is contingent upon the Town Budget consideration process beginning this month (January, 2023).

Current Status of Redding Historical Cemeteries and Inspection on November 17, 2022.

On November 17, 2022, Committee members inspected the Redding Historical Cemeteries noting recommended ground work, structural/fence issues, and gravestone conditions. At today's meeting, a discussion focused on the tree removal work and fence required at the Isaac-Hamilton (aka Lonetown) Cemetery. Tree Work: At this time, tree removal work is the most pressing, prior to spring thaw while the cemetery ground is solid and amendable to heavy equipment. A report and quote of proposed tree work from Jeremy Carlson, a local arborist was reviewed and a decision was made to act on this proposal. Funding for this work is to be made from the Recurring (O & M) budget account. Fence: Research continues on desired design and cost of a replacement fence. RHCC will investigate possible grant opportunities for funding of replacement fence.

Motion: RHCC finding the Carlson tree quote reasonable for work at Lonetown Cemetery, will submit said quote and documentation to the First Selectwoman's Office for approval. Passed unanimously.

Next Meeting of the RHCC: Next meeting: April 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM. Venue to be determined. RHCC will submit a formal notice to the Town Clerk, proposing subsequent 2023 meeting dates.

Motion: To Adjourn at 3:03 PM on January, 19, 2023. Passed Unanimously.

Submitted by:

Janice Dimon, Secretary
Redding Historic Cemetery Committee