

**Town of Norridgewock
Cemetery Committee Meeting
Norridgewock Town Office
September 14, 2017**

Attendees

- Gloria Frederick (Chairperson)
- Rita Thebarger (Vice Chairperson)
- Steve Bishop (Secretary)
- Becky Ketchum (Member)
- Sallie Wilder (Member)
- Sharon Dodge (Town Clerk)
- Richard LaBelle (Town Manager)

Chairperson Gloria Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:34 AM.

Becky Ketchum moved to approve the minutes of the August 22nd meeting that was held at the *Sunset View Cemetery*. Gloria Frederick seconded the motion. Committee vote was unanimous to approve the minutes of the prior meeting.

At the prior meeting on August 22nd, the Committee voted to re-locate the existing *Sunset View Cemetery* road sign to the undeveloped cemetery property “to the left” of the current active cemetery property. (“To the left” when viewing the cemetery from the Mercer Road.) At this meeting Richard LaBelle provided the Committee with some new information:

- The estimated cost to re-locate this existing road sign is \$500.00.
- Because of the sign’s construction, re-locating the sign could damage the sign.

Richard LaBelle also reminded the Committee that the Cemetery Committee Budget for 2017 is only \$1,000.00. Meaning that spending \$500.00 on the re-location of the existing *Sunset View Cemetery* road sign would leave the Committee only \$500.00 to spend on additional signage at this cemetery.

With this new information, the Committee revisited this issue. After discussion, Steve Bishop moved to reverse the August 22nd decision and to not re-locate the existing road sign. Rita seconded the motion. Committee vote was unanimous to reverse the August 22nd decision and to not re-locate the existing road sign.

The Committee then discussed additional signage for the *Sunset View Cemetery*. Issues of size, location and wording were debated. The wording for two (2) possible signs was drafted. With the Committee then voting to accept the draft sign as shown in ATTACHMENT I. (Steve Bishop moved to accept the attached draft as shown in ATTACHMENT I. Rita seconded the motion. The Committee vote was “all in favor” with one abstention.)

Note that the sign as shown in Attachment I is a draft version. Richard Labelle will review this draft with sign makers. With their input he will then schedule another Cemetery Committee Meeting to further discuss this matter. (Changes to the draft sign will *still* be entertained at that future meeting.)

Richard LaBelle also informed the Committee of developing issues at the *Wilder Hill Cemetery*. A large pine tree came down and will cost \$1,000.00 to remove. And there is a dead cedar tree that will need to be removed. (Cost estimate to remove the dead cedar is \$500.00.) Richard will resolve these issues in the course of his duties as Town Manager.

As noted Richard Labelle will schedule the next Cemetery Committee meeting after reviewing our draft sign with sign makers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

ATTACHMENT I

SUNSET VIEW CEMETERY

PLEASE RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF THE CEMETERY.

SPEED LIMIT 5 MPH

NO SNOWMOBILES NO ATV'S

NO SHRUBS OR TREES MAY BE PLANTED WITHIN
THE CEMETERY EFFECTIVE 2017

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