

Minutes of the Town of Lee Cemetery Trustees

November 9, 2022

Cemetery Trustees present: Peter Hoyt, Chairman; Donna Eisenhard, Bookkeeper and Jeff Liporto.

Others present: Ken Maurice, Owner/Sculptor of VT Stone Sculpturing, Inc.; Carrie Maurice; John Silva; Jeanne Livermore; Stephanie Fischer; Nancy Nionakis; Lee Residents; Patricia Jenkins, Heritage Commission President; Laura Gund, Heritage Commission Secretary.

1. Chairman Hoyt called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
2. Mr. Maurice stated he was here representing Mr. Silva who was requesting permission to construct a mausoleum on 3 adjoining plots he owns in Lee Hill Cemetery along the back fence. Mr. Maurice presented pictures outlining dimensions of the structure which would be 6 feet by 8 feet by 7 feet high. The structure would be Barry Granite and contain a metal door while inside would be spaces for 12 urns. In answer to Chairman Hoyt's concerns regarding construction, Mr. Maurice stated a crane service would be needed to lift the stones into place and a foundation poured to hold the structure. He also presented pictures defining size comparisons using the cemetery shed currently on site for comparison. He said only the finest materials would be used. Concerns were expressed about the mausoleum fitting into the current surroundings with other plots and stones already there. Chairman Hoyt presented pictures of monuments much smaller which are designed to serve as mausoleums which could be an alternative for the same purpose. Mr. Silva stated he wanted to be able to go inside for visits and privacy which the smaller monuments do not provide. Mrs. Eisenhard mentioned the Town currently owns land for an additional cemetery for the future and this could be planned to accommodate a section just for mausoleums. Chairman Jenkins stated another option is to set aside a plot on his own property for a cemetery as she has done with her own property. Mrs. Eisenhard said if he put a Trust on it, the Town would maintain it as it already does for 12 other Private Trust cemeteries in Town and that includes mowing. Mr. Silva said he would prefer to be in Lee Hill Cemetery. Additional discussion followed regarding visiting other mausoleums in various cemeteries for comparison. Chairman Hoyt stated he would like time for additional investigation regarding this matter. Mr. Silva said his plots were along the back fence, he did not feel its presence would be intrusive to the area around it. Mr. Liporto mentioned there are other plots already purchased scattered within the cemetery which are also large enough to support a mausoleum and they are not against the back fence and he was not sure how to deal with any requests to place structures there should we receive requests. Mrs. Eisenhard stated she did not think it fair to allow a plot owner to place a mausoleum on their plot and deny someone else who is not against the back fence the same privilege. Mrs. Fischer stated she is in support of this project and asked if letters from other Town residents in support would be acceptable. Chairman Hoyt stated this would be fine. The Trustees agreed additional research is required before any decision is forthcoming regarding Mr. Silva's request.
3. Minutes of the September 21, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. Chairman Hoyt reported two stones at the Plumer Private Trust cemetery off Plimer Lane were vandalized. Thanks to observation by a property owner in the area, it was reported to the Lee

Police Department who responded and the person responsible was apprehended. Said parents of the vandal agreed to pay for any damages.

5. Review of current changes to Cemetery Rules & regulations were postponed until the next meeting.
6. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Minutes recorded by:



Donna F. Eisenhard, Bookkeeper

Minutes approved by:



Peter Hoyt, Chairman



Donna Eisenhard, Bookkeeper



Jeff Liporto