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MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

July 13, 2023

Present: Board Members – Charlie Purrier, Chairperson; Annie Purrier; Lyndol Elkins; Jade Kelly Dixon-Boles, Lynda Cluba

Visitors, Montgomery Village Cemetery Board Members – Lois Lumbra; George Gabuzda; Sheila Marshia, **Visitor** - Lila Elkins

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.

1. **Sale of Lots to non residents** – It was noted that the center cemetery currently is low on space and there should be a hold on sales to non residents at this time. The town is looking at using surrounding land for possible connection to the proposed sewer system.. At this time there is no room for expansion.
Annie made a motion and was seconded to put a hold on sales of Montgomery Center cemetery lots. Motion passed 5-0
2. **Sale of lots by owners** – Current owners of lots should not sell their lots but can donate them back to the cemetery or donate them to a family member.. No motion was made.
3. **Removal of Perennials** – The town will have the right to trim or remove perennials. The board will talk to Avery regarding cutting back or removing large bushes. The Board will post a warning informing lot owners of this change. They can maintain their perennials or the Board will. No motion was made.
4. **Repairs and Maintenance** – The board will hire a tree expert to cut back or remove the large pines in the old part of the Center cemetery. The contractor must be insured. The contractor will connect with Lyndol who as to which trees are in question.
5. **Green Burials** – Jade has been researching the practice of green burials and explained some of the process. A certain space must be designated for green burials. Lots would have price but maybe a different amount. Bodies can be buried with no vault or casket. The body must be in a compostable box or a shroud. There will be a natural space separate from the cemetery and each burial will be marked by GPS. There is currently no space for this process. The town is looking at the surrounding lands as a possible space for the new sewer system so the commission will have to wait to see if any of those surrounding lands can be used for expansion of the cemetery.
6. **Reorganization of Board** – Lynda made a motion to appoint Charlie Purrier as Chairperson of the Board. Motion passed 5-0. Annie made a motion to appoint Lynda Cluba as Clerk of the Board. Motion passed 5-0.
A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm So moved 5-0

Respectfully submitted: Lynda Cluba, Clerk, Montgomery Center Cemetery Commission