**Town of Bakersfield**

**Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Commission**

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**

**7:00 pm**

**Agenda:**

* Previous Meeting Minutes
* Follow up on
	+ Fencing
	+ Brush
	+ Dog Stations
	+ Stone around circle
	+ Flower urns – repainting, leveling, etc.
	+ Grants – Hearse House, Stone repair, etc.
* Discuss and approve bid on mowing & weed whacking contract.
* Flowers for urns before Memorial Day
* Any other items to be discussed.

Warned by Stacy Maynard, Heather Tanner, Ron Marcotte, Harmon Mayo, Linda McCall

**Notes from meeting:**

* Follow up on
	+ Fencing – Linda will see if there is grant money or ARPA money to be used
	+ Brush – to-do
	+ Dog Stations – first step will be to remove the unfriendly no pets signs and then we will monitor and see if “poop stations” are needed. We feel for the most part people will pick up after their animals.
	+ Stone around circle – We still have a couple loads of free stone offered by Willie Maynard, just need someone to hall it from Swanton, then Harmon will spread it around the center road.
	+ Flower urns – repainting, leveling, etc. – keep on to-do list.
	+ Grants –
		- Hearse House – Linda is going to check on ARPA and Grant money to see if there is anything available to help us,
		- Stone repair, etc. on-going project as the volunteers are available
* Discuss and approve bid on mowing & weed whacking contract. – Maria DeRosia will be taking care of the cemetery this summer. Her bid was for the next 3 summers. Stacy talked to her and she will provide proof of insurance to the town. Her bid has been mailed to the Town Clerk so she can be paid accordingly.
* Flowers for urns before Memorial Day – Heather Goss, Stacy Maynard , and Lisa Maynard will plant before Memorial Day
* Any other items to be discussed.
	+ Rodney Allen asked if he could tap the maples in the cemetery in the future. We all agreed that we would not like that to happen by anyone.
	+ Need to find someone that can check all the water spouts in the cemetery to make sure they are secure and not leaking. Stacy will check on this.
	+ We decided to have Shane Lumbra remove the two dead roadside trees by the power lines and also the widow maker in the tree near the road
	+ There are many Christmas decorations still left in the cemetery. The lights from the buckets were just left in a pile. Among other trees, wreaths, and lights in the cemetery. Stacy put a post on the community page requesting that people pick their items up.
	+ Ivan & Lisa Stone have requested to volunteer to spruce up the flower bed and walkway in the park. All agreed that was fine.
	+ We also discussed the plot sizes. Leaving as is for now.
	+ We need to find out if the selectboard believes the ball field is cemetery land or town land. It was always thought until recently that is was cemetery. And a few years ago the Selectboard asked the cemetery for permission to use it for a possible recycling/garbage area, while Main Street was being worked on. But now somehow it is Town Land. Linda is going to ask at an upcoming board meeting.