

Meeting of the Kensington Cemetery Trustees

Thursday October 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Kensington Town Hall

The Kensington Cemetery Trustees met outside the Kensington Town Hall at 6:30 PM on Thursday, October 12, 2023. The meeting was open to the public.

Attending:

Nancy Roffman
Katelynn Dow
Jacquelyn Benson

Absent:

None

Members of the public:

None

The meeting was opened at 6:32 PM.

Agenda

Old business:

1. Cemetery budget
 - a. Jackie shared that current spending for the cemetery mowing budget has come in below estimates, despite having a very normal year in terms of mowing demand. Costs are averaging \$1,400 per month, with just over \$8,100 having been spent through September. The trustees are estimating that another \$3,000 might be needed for final mowings and fall cleanups through November, which brings total 2023 spending to an estimated \$11,100.
Jackie reached out to York River Landscaping about 2024 costs, and they do anticipate a 5-7% increase next year. The trustees are therefore anticipating the need for around \$12,000 in mowing funds for 2024.
 - b. Katelynn reached out to Royal Green about the state of the cemetery trees after their service days in the Upper and Lower yard in July. Royal Green said they were able to address all of the needed tree work in 2023. No more tree maintenance is anticipated for 2024.
 - c. Jackie asked Matt Armstrong to take a look at the cemetery roads, and Matt reported that he doesn't see any road maintenance needed for the next year or two.
 - d. The trustees discussed stone repair and agreed that it makes more sense to wait another couple of years to have Gravestone Services come back and do any needed repairs in

bulk. The trustees therefore have no additional anticipated costs for 2024 beyond mowing.

- e. Katelynn moved that the budget be adjusted accordingly to ask for \$12,000 for mowing and remove any other line items from the proposed 2024 budget. Jackie seconded. A vote was held with all trustees in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.