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February 1, 2023

Approved

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Shepley called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Taylor, Bruce Shepley, Fred Hobart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Joe Nowak (Selectman), Brian Rhodes (iBerkshires), Mark Pisani (Adams DPW), Michelle DeRose (DPW Administrative Assistant)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Accepted without discussion unanimously by F. Hobart, B Shepley, J. Taylor

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **PLUNKETT MAUSOLEUM:** All work is completed. Bills have been paid. Plunkett Trust Fund balance \$376.00. William Plunkett Lord aware.
- **HARRINGTON MAUSOLEUM:** Grates sand blasted, refurbished and installed by Dave Nuwallie. All work complete. Harrington Trust Fund balance \$11,050.06
- **WATERLINE REPLACEMENT FOR BELLEVUE CEMETERY:** Was not addressed this summer. Will re-address in the Spring 2023

NEW BUSINESS:

- **INCREASE CREMAINS PER LOT:** Language is already in place. Does not need to be addressed.
- **REVIEW OF CEMETERY ACCOUNTS AND TRUST FUNDS:** Submitted by Accounting Office and reviewed.

ORG	OBJECT	NAME	BALANCE	
			12/13/2022	1/1/2023
881 & 882	32821	CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE	\$ 475,920.39	\$ 478,093.33
241	32412	CEMETERY INVESTMENT FUND/SALE OF LOTS	\$ 292,782.02	\$ 292,949.93
882	32822	CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 14,774.91	\$ 14,948.38
882	32831	PLUNKETT MAUSOLEUM TRUST FUND	\$ 370.13	\$ 376.00
882	32823	H.L. HARRINGTON FUND	\$ 11,043.27	\$ 11,050.06
882	32824	MM H HALL FUND	\$ 1,218.07	\$ 1,218.77

- **REVIEW OF "CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS":** Complete review done. Some revisions suggested. Approval tabled until next meeting pending language questions and practices of area communities.
- **GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING:** Chairman Shepley met with the committee January 31, 2023 as part of the review of town committees, departments and town charter.
- **DISCUSSION OF CEMETERY DEEDS AND BURIAL IN LOTS:** Chairman Shepley reviewed with the Board recent issues with families seeking to be interred when it's questionable legally. Meeting with town clerk and M. DeRose to clarify and resolve.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Fred Hobart seeks to recognize past cemetery employee for outstanding contributions to the Town of Adams and Cemetery Division. Will do so at next meeting.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: To Be Determined

ADJOURN: A motion made by Fred Hobart to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 PM, seconded by Jim Taylor. Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Date 13 June 2023

Barry Dale Shepley

Fred S. Hobart

James M. Taylor