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TOWN OF VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

Minutes of Special Meeting

September 12, 2018

The special meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Jean Luddy. Present were Jean Luddy, Norine Edwards, Stuart Edwards and Judy Hany. Absent was Lois-Jane Tonski. Also present were Alan West, Superintendent and Carol Nelson, Secretary.

David Allis headstone, Bamforth Road Cemetery – The proposal for the reproduction of the historical broken tablet was received from Nelson Architectural Restoration in the amount of $6,400 with an additional $600 for a display piece of the original fragments. As the Town of Vernon cannot fund this project, discussion took place on how to best raise the funds. The Vernon Historical Society as a 501c(3) is the best vehicle to take on the project as any donations would be tax exempt. It was suggested that a subcommittee of representatives from the Vernon Center Church, the Vernon and Bolton Historical Societies and the cemetery staff be established to work together on funding. Groups to be approached for contributions could include the Allis family members, organizations and local funeral homes and businesses. Grant funding through the DAR is possible with the requirement that half of the funding be already raised. The proposal will be presented to the VHS executive board at its next meeting.

Dobsonville Cemetery Fence Repair – Over the past winter the corner of the fence at the intersection of Rt 83 and Dobson Road was damaged. No accident report was filed. In the spring the damaged section was removed and the best straightening attempt was made to the remainder of the aged fence. It was discussed that the stones at the apex have sunk. They will be removed, the surface regraded and the stones switched out with taller ones and include a double layer in a pleasing arrangement. This would provide more protection of the gravestones. The possibility of a more appropriate style of fencing than the chain link may be discussed in the future.

A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously approved to remove the existing chain link fence and address the landscaping of the stones.

Repurchase of lots service charge establishment – The Vernon Cemetery Department repurchases lots that they believe that they can resell, refunding at the purchase price. There is considerable clerical work involved that also includes the Finance Department.

A motion was made by Norine Edwards, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously approved to establish a $50 fee for the repurchase of any lot by the cemetery department.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Hany, seconded by Norine Edwards with the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Carol S. Nelson

Approved: December 4, 2018

Carol S. Nelson, Secretary