

**TOWN OF LUDLOW  
BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERDS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday May 15, 2013**

**Board Members Present:**

Herb VanGuilder  
Lou Gabranski

Natalie Gruber  
John Paige

Brett Sanderson

**1. Call to Order**

A. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Herbert VanGuilder at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Approve Minutes**

A. Herbert VanGuilder advised that the minutes to be approved were from April 27, 2013.

B. **MOTION by John Paige and seconded by Lou Gabranski to approve the minutes from April 27,, 2013 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**3. Comments from Citizens**

A. There were none.

**4. Old Business**

A. Herbert VanGuilder introduced Lisha Klaiber as new Recording Secretary.

B. Flowers

i. John Paige advised that he had seen the flower lady and she will get the flowers to the Sextant. John Paige will make sure that she gets them there on time.

ii. Lou Gabranski asked where they would be getting the flowers.

iii. Herbert VanGuilder said Marion's.

iv. Lou Gabranski asked how much the flowers would cost.

v. John Paige said he would the information. It should be about the same as last year.

vi. Natalie Gruber said they may expect to pay more as all prices are rising.

vii. Herbert VanGuilder said that last year they considered having the staff do the flowers more reasonably, but they did not carry through. They thought about buying the flowers from local nurseries.

viii. John Paige said that some pansies and a geranium cost about \$10.

C. Flags

i. Herbert VanGuilder advised that the staff started work on the Flag Station. The American flag is up, and they are hoping to get the Vermont, Fire Department, and POW flags up before Memorial Day. He noted that there are 2 people working up there as the third can't start until May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**5. New Business**

A. Gates

- i. Lou Gabranski asked who is opening and closing the gates.
- ii. Herbert VanGuilder said that one of the staff, Rob, gets paid 1 hour per day to do it. It used to be the police. It is working out nicely. He goes up at dark and people have time to go to the cemetery. He doesn't rush people. The gates open at 7:00 a.m. There have been quite a few visitors this year and 3-4 internments so far.
- iii. Lou Gabranski asked about the vault.
- iv. Herbert VanGuilder said there is no one in the vault this year. There have been more cremations than burials.

B. Surveys

- i. John Paige asked about the surveys.
- ii. Herbert VanGuilder said that the news is not good. The surveyor figured out that we only own about 60% of what we thought we owned from the deal with Okemo. He set flags and it cuts off about  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup>. He said that he has met with Ted Reeves from Okemo to discuss this and had given Ted Reeves 2 or 3 suggestions. Ted Reeves is willing to present these to the owners. Herbert VanGuilder said that he also spoke with the town manager. Ted Reeves wants a drawing made. Herbert VanGuilder said that he asked if Okemo would be willing to donate the land or other considerations. It is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre. Ted Reeves wanted the surveyor to set flags where we want the line. It may be just a line correction and we would not have to go before the DRB. Herbert VanGuilder said that he would meet again with Ted Reeves in the new few days. Ted Reeves noted our concerns that we did not intend to trespass and said we could take the time we need to straighten this out. Herbert VanGuilder said he would bring Frank Heald and Bruce Schmidt up to date. Herbert VanGuilder said he also had the surveyor look at the upper section. We will want a complete survey of all the upper parts.
- iii. John Paige said that this board was accommodating when Okemo built the pond.
- iv. Herbert VanGuilder said it is not just Okemo; there are other property owners affected.
  - v. John Paige said we need to see what Okemo does.
  - vi. Lou Gabranski said that Ralph Michael did the survey.
  - vii. Herbert VanGuilder said not all of it. Okemo used their paperwork when they made the deal up there. He added that Ralph Michael did the survey and now we know where the lot lines are and we need to have the whole thing confirmed and recorded. He said that all of the upper section and the line coming down through the main gate. There is a water issue there. He added that Frank Heald told those property owners that they would dig a new ditch. Loran Greenslet marked the culverts last year and there is 3 feet from their foundations. Herbert VanGuilder said that he thinks we own down there. We need to get the whole thing surveyed and work with Okemo to try to get them to donate the  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre or buy it from them. We need to go forward with this.
- viii. **MOTION by John Paige and seconded by Brett Sanderson to authorize the chair to go forward with the survey to straighten out the land lines in the upper cemetery and right hand line going to the entrance at High Street.**
- ix. Herbert VanGuilder said that Loran Greenslet blue-lined it last year and it goes within 3 feet of the person's foundations.
- x. **Motion passed unanimously.**

C. New Equipment

- i. Herbert VanGuilder advised that the cemetery needs more equipment up there. They need an aerator for the ground to improve the soil and a sprayer tank to treat the soil. Geese were a problem last year.
- ii. Brett Sanderson added that turkeys were also a problem 2 years ago.
- iii. John Paige asked if this was in the budget.
- iv. Herbert VanGuilder said yes. He said that, in addition, he and the Sextant have agreed that they need to purchase more chairs for funerals up there.
- v. Lou Gabranski asked how many.
- vi. Herbert VanGuilder said 20-25 as they only have 10 now. The VanGuilders donated them.
- vii. Lou Gabranski asked what kind of chairs.
- viii. Herbert VanGuilder said they are white with big feet so they won't sink in the ground – like lawn chairs. They are heavy plastic.
- ix. John Paige asked if there is money in the budget for them.
- x. Herbert VanGuilder said yes.
- xi. **MOTION by John Paige and seconded by Lou Gabranski to purchase 25 chairs for cemetery purposes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Set Date for Next Meeting**

- A. The next meeting will be on June 19, 2013.

**7. Adjourn**

- A. **MOTION by Brett Sanderson and seconded by Natalie Gruber to adjourn this meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisha Klaiber

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Herbert VanGuilder, Chairman

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John Paige

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Lou Gabranski

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Brett Sanderson

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Natalie Gruber