

Town of Bath Cemetery Committee
May 5, 2020, @4:00 PM (Via Zoom)
Minutes

Members present: Chris Chapman, Elizabeth Skinner; there were no guests in attendance

1. The Cemetery Committee accepted the April 7, 2020, minutes as presented with the addition of listing the committee members who were present.
2. Elizabeth Skinner reported that the balance for the TBCMMC's regular checking account is \$22,127.54. The bills that will be approved at the May 5, 2020, town council meeting tonight for Greenway Cemetery total \$2,350.00 for grass cutting and weeding.
3. Percy Renovations has been mowing/weeding in Greenway Cemetery 60 hours a week since April 13. Most of the work has been weeding because it is too wet to cut the grass most days, and because the old section of Greenway Cemetery has to be weeded rather than mowed.
4. Elizabeth Skinner has contacted the state of West Virginia about applying for an historic preservation grant to restore General Bartow's Headstone. The mini-grant would pay for a sign to educate the public on the Civil War and General Barstow's role in the war, for a public event to "unveil" the restored headstone and new sign, and for the research on General Barstow for the event and the sign. The TBCMMC could use the cost of restoring the headstone as a match for the grant. Elizabeth Skinner will apply for the mini-grant by June 1, when it is due.
5. The Cacapon Institute says that the grant to plant bushes and trees in the area where the TBCMMC hopes to install a columbarium is still available, but the institute is concerned that the TBCMMC may have a difficult time recruiting volunteers this spring with the Corona Virus. Zachary Norris proposed to Beth Skinner via email that the TBCMMC consider waiting until the fall to plant the trees and bushes in Greenway Cemetery. Both Chris Chapman and Beth Skinner agreed that the planting should be postponed until the fall. Beth will contact the Cacapon Institute to let the staff know the Cemetery Committee's decision to wait until the fall. Since the Town of Bath's water crew and public works crew always assists the TBCMMC with planting projects, Elizabeth Skinner asked the Cemetery Committee to make this decision rather than the TBCMMC's board.
6. Elizabeth Skinner has obtained the original paperwork used to form the TBCMMC. She is now studying the documents to determine the cemetery corporation's requirements to add new members to its board. Beth will report on this information at the Cemetery Committee's next meeting on June 2, 2020.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40. Note: The TBCMMC board did not meet this month.