

Town of Bath Cemetery Committee
July 27, 2021, @ 4:00 PM
Minutes

Members present: Elizabeth Skinner, Scott Merki
Guests: Susan Webster

1. TBCMMI funding. The corporation appears to have the funds to mow in Greenway Cemetery through Labor Day.
2. Condition of Greenway Cemetery. a. General maintenance of Greenway Cemetery is not taking place except for weekly mowing. If the drought conditions continue, the TBCMMI will seek to use some of its mowing funds to do some other tasks as part of general maintenance that has not been done for many years. b. There have been several complaints about "Thru Traffic" in Greenway, which often is traveling through the cemetery faster than is safe. This traffic also adds to the deterioration of the cemetery's roads. Elizabeth Skinner will look into having "No Thru Traffic" signs posted at the front gate and along the road at the bottom of the hill into Greenway Cemetery. c. There have been no more reports of recreational vehicles in Greenway Cemetery.
3. Grants. Elizabeth Skinner reported that she will apply for the following grants: 1. Advancing Green Infrastructure Technology Assistance Grant, which is due in August. This grant would provide funding to close a small road in Greenway Cemetery to prevent damage to the paved road that goes through the old section of Greenway Cemetery. 2. Two Rivers Circle Grant, which is due in early September. This grant would provide funding to reset the headstone of General Barstow, who was a Union Civil War General. This historic stone has been lying on the ground for several years. 3. Downstream Strategy Grant. Elizabeth Skinner briefly discussed Matthew Peddington's request to meet with the Cemetery Committee to discuss how this business would be able to assist the TBCMMI and the Town of Bath with its work in maintaining Greenway Cemetery. The Downstream Strategies Company assists municipalities obtain grants to prevent flooding of and erosion on its properties. Elizabeth Skinner was asked to invite Matt Peddington to the next Cemetery Committee meeting.
4. Elizabeth Skinner reported that she has set aside her work on the TBCMMI's bylaws until after Labor Day in order to focus on overseeing the mowing of Greenway Cemetery until Labor Day. She will continue that work in September, hoping to complete her first draft for the Cemetery Committee's review by early October.
5. Old Business/New Business. Elizabeth Skinner reported on the following projects. a. Elizabeth Skinner and Codi Ford continue to work to update the records of Greenway Cemetery in such a way that they are more useful to the members of the TBCMMI, the public, and town staff. b. Perpetual Care Trust Fund. No action taken. c. Olde English Cemetery. No action taken.