

# **Waterbury Cemetery Commission**

**January 3, 2024**

## **Steele Room [Municipal complex]**

Present: Jan Gendreau, John Woodruff, Jill Chase, Amy Kinsell, and Tom Leitz

### **1. Approval of December 6, 2023, minutes**

Accepted as written

### **2. Financial update and budget discussion, Tom Leitz, Town Manager**

We discussed 2024 budget. Tom suggested we could soften the blow on town meeting day when we request more in the budget by adding more than past years from our investment fund. We have been paying about 25,000 annually. We could increase it to 40,000 this year, then decrease it following years.

### **3. Trees in Hope Cemetery**

Many cedar trees lost branches during the December storms each Monday. John will ask the town to pick up the ones on the ground and chip them. The top of a cedar came down near the “fountain” in lower Section C.

The oak trees planted by the new fence along Section A were damaged also. Jan will call Mattie and ask to offer an opinion regarding their care, along with the cedar top in Section C.

### **4. Flush markers for Rte 100 Cemetery**

John got a price of \$550/stone 2’x1’x4” from Matt [?] in Barre. It could be less if we order more. Jan will call Nancy [Guild] Murphy [descendant of the Knapps] to see if the family would like to pay for any of them. There are 3 Knapp stones that need to be replaced.

**Respectively submitted Jan Gendreau for Barb Walton**

**Next meeting, February 7, 2024 4pm**