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DRAFT Minutes
Green Mount Cemetery Board of Commissioners

Date and Time: February 19, 2019. Meeting called to order at 12:15.

Location: Memorial Room, City Hall

Members/Public Present: Jake Brown, Patrick Healy, Meri Nielsen, Linda Berger

Members Absent: Charles Wiley, Darragh Ellerson

Minutes From Last Meeting: Jake will submit minutes from the December 17, 2018 meeting.

Chair's Report:

- **Despite multiple postings, no one has submitted a petition to be on the ballot to fill Charlie's position. It would enhance our commission if someone with a finance background would be elected. Jake and Patrick will reach out to the City Investment Committee, the Auditing firm that the City utilizes, and the Death Cafe group that meets at the Senior Center. Commissioners will also elicit nominees.**
- **Jake had a productive meeting with the Mayor to discuss the use of electric mowers and trimmers at Green Mount, as there is an increased cost for them. Electric equipment does further the goal of supporting Montpelier in their goal of Net Zero carbon emissions.**

Director's Report:

- **Patrick has researched the available electric mowers and trimmers and has informally discussed their use with other city departments. An electric trimmer costs \$1,388 vs. \$300 for a gas model. An electric rider mower costs \$19,500, while a gas model costs approximately \$10,000. Concerns by other departments includes effectiveness with tall grass, wet grass, steering around objects, use on steep hills.**

Actions: Jake will research Net Zero VT. Talk with Green Mountain Power and with Steve Weisbaum of Eco-Equipment Supply, LLC, to discuss potential financial supports such as a pilot program, bulk purchasing, discounts, and credits for use of these. Patrick will continue to discuss use of electric equipment with other City departments.

- **The New England Cemetery Association (NECA) is having their annual meeting at Trapp Family Lodge the last week in June. They will do a site visit at Green Mount on June 26, and Governor Scott is expected to attend. Patrick will keep us updated on this.**
- **The proposed budget for Green Mount proposed by the City is essentially the same as last year's approved budget.**

- **The city's Emerald Ash Borer Plan is for DPW to use open land next to Gateway Park to dispose of the trees. Patrick will discuss this plan with the City.**
- **The wall to the right of the old vault is scheduled to be repaired this spring.**

Other: Agenda items for next month's meeting on 3/18/19 includes update on the chapel repairs, mowers, renovations to the garage, and update on truck or trailer purchasing.

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn made by Meri and seconded by Linda. Meeting was adjourned at 12:43

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Berger, Secretary