

2022 Cemetery Budget Request

22 November 2021

2021 budget \$16,800

2022 budgetary request \$19,800

Groundskeeping will remain the same as we are still in contract with Barry LaValley for 2022 which is majority if not all of our budget.

We are asking for an increase of \$3,000 for the following;

Office supplies: \$1,000 for a laptop and cemetery software

This will allow us to move forward and keep track of our own budget, spending in specific line items, and be responsible for purchase orders and keeping track of invoices. There is currently nothing in place for this at this time, which is unacceptable.

We also want to purchase cemetery software to keep accurate track of the cemeteries, available plots, who is buried in the plots, maps of the cemeteries, etc. I would be happy to demonstrate what is being used now and its inaccuracies. There will be no way to move forward with the cemeteries without the use of a computer and cemetery software. It is time for the Deering cemeteries to move forward into a more technological manner.

Cleaning supplies/equipment: \$500.00 for D2 to clean headstones, and to purchase sprayers

D2 is an all-natural headstone cleaner which will allow us to clean the headstones and get the names of who is buried where. Many stones are unreadable so to get an accurate account of who is buried in what plots, D2 is invaluable. Again, without the D2, we will be unable to move forward. We will also need to purchase sprayers to apply the D2 to the headstones. D2 is also recommended by Peterborough Stone and Gravel for headstone cleaning.

Cemetery Upkeep/maintenance: \$1,500 for necessary iron and stone work (Peterborough Marble and Granite)

Many headstones are cracked, broken, falling over, or sunk. This maintenance will allow us to start taking care of the headstones as needed. There is also some iron fencing that need to be repaired. If this continues to get put-off, the cost of repair will continue to increase as the aesthetics for the cemeteries will continue to decrease.

It is well past time for the Deering cemeteries to be properly taken care of. We should have just as much appreciation for our old cemeteries and who is buried there as we do for everything else.

Thank you,

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