

SALEM MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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MEMORANDUM

Date: November 17, 2016
To: Board of Selectmen
From: Roy E. Sorenson
Municipal Services Director
Thru: Leon Goodwin
Town Manager
RE: Gravestone Services – Donated Services

Recommendation:

That the Board of Selectmen approve the acceptance of labor, materials, and services from Gravestone Services of New England, LLC, so they may clean and/or restore old grave stones at town cemeteries.

Background:

The town received an inquiry from Beverly Glynn regarding donation of services including gravestone cleaning and/or restoration that could be performed as part of a project for the Woodbury School History Club. Kai Nalenz of Gravestone Services of New England has offered his services to help with this project and has submitted his qualifications to the Town along with a certificate of insurance.

Cemetery and gravestone preservation are important for the vitality of any burial ground and should be considered for routine scheduled work each year. This work is unique and must be done by only the most qualified conservations familiar with the various techniques of cleaning and restoration. Pursuing preservation services is something I would like to implement each year throughout our cemeteries so we may protect history. Because of that I would be interested in allowing Mr. Nalenz, based off his qualifications, to donate his services at this time so we can evaluate his work. This work will be coordinated with and overseen by the Municipal Services Department.

I am available to answer questions and look forward to discussing with you.

Sincerely,

Roy E. Sorenson