

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

MINUTES

August 4, 2022

APPROVED: 11/17/22

ATTENDING: Richard LaFlamme (Chair), Cheryl Cizewski, Cade Overton

ABSENT: None

OTHER: None

Mr. Laflamme called the meeting to order at 10:29am with a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes

The minutes still require updating and appear to be missing items. R. Laflamme and the Trustees discussed moving the review of the minutes at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Mr. Laflamme received a contact from Susan Dineen, a Town resident who lives behind Sanborn Cemetery but who also has a residence in Massachusetts. Her concern was the cleanup and debris left behind the cemetery wall in her property. Discussion between her and Mr. Laflamme included raking the leaves away from the wall into the woods or to consider bagging the leaves up to be picked up possibly by the Highway Department. Another concern was that the cemetery sign is placed on the outside and on her property. Original placement of the sign could not be located in the same place due to the stone foundation and therefore it was placed on the outside.

Mr. Laflamme and Mrs. Dineen also discussed the possibility of being buried at Sanborn. Bylaws stated that Bristol residents are allowed to be buried in Town cemeteries though there are nonresidents buried in those cemeteries. Miss Cizewski stated the bylaws should maybe be extended to property owners. R. Overton made a motion to approve Susan Dineen to be buried in Sanborn Cemetery upon her death, seconded by C. Overton. The motion carried 3-0.

Burial would need to be with a stone urn along with cremation dimensions of 42 inches by 12 feet, equal to a casket size.

OLD BUSINESS

Cemetery Brochures

Mr. Laflamme discussed details of the cemetery brochures, stating photos need to be added. Miss Cizewski has a desktop publisher and can reformat the layout of photos.

Cemetery Cleanup and Volunteering

Mr. Laflamme asked the Trustees for feedback on the scout's volunteer cemetery clean up and process. The Trustees agreed it went well. Miss Cizewski stated a woman had inquired on helping with future clean ups. Mr. Laflamme stated that you do not have to be a group to volunteer. Mr. Laflamme had sent out email communications regarding volunteering, but was hesitant to open any communications back, due to glitches. Mr. Laflamme stated the Trustees should check with

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Interim Town Administrator Butch Burbank for clear guidelines of process regarding waiver signing. Mr. Laflamme would like to get articles written and posted to Town Facebook along with the Bristol Buzz and the Lake Life newspaper.

Discussion followed regarding stone photos and spraying D2 spray to clean the moss at Sleeper Cemetery. Mr. Laflamme stated he is waiting on correspondence from John Lord to work on gravestone repairs. They have discussed a potential date in August, but nothing has been finalized.

The Trustees also discussed spring clean-up and agreed late April was a good time due to lack of black flies. The clean-up would start at Heath and go over through the other cemeteries. It would include pruning and cutting with the help of Jason Roberts and other scoutmasters. The Trustees will also review more efficient ways to cut and rid the cemeteries of white pine and oak saplings and manage the blueberry bushes. It was thought that the Trustees should purchase a weedwhacker. Mr. Laflamme will post questions to the NH Forestry and NH Cemetery Association to see how they handle trees and bushes. R. Laflamme motioned to approve the next clean-up date for Saturday, September 24 with a rain date of October 1. C. Overton seconded. The motion carried 3-0-0.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2022, at 10:30am, in Meeting Room B of the Town Offices.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business before the Trustees, R. Laflamme made a motion, seconded by C. Cizewski to adjourn at 11:55am. The motion carried 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Wharton
Minute Admin