

CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEETING ~MINUTES~
FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Meeting opened with Albert Belanger, David Menter, Joe Pagnani, Joyce Keegal and alternate Justin Kane.

A motion was made by Joe Pagnani and seconded by Albert Belanger to accept the January minutes as written. David Menter abstained. Motion was passed by voice vote.

Meeting attendees signed a meeting roster, which will be kept in the cemetery filing cabinet.

Rogers and Gillen deeds signed.

End of Year Reports reviewed and signed. Will be handed in at the end of the meeting.

Discussion about Cy Pres meeting with Bearing Point. The General Cemetery Maintenance Fund should not be used to pay for mowing. Payment for mowing should come from Perpetual Care and from the town. Joyce will draft a letter and Cemetery Trustees will bring it to the BOS requesting that mowing be paid out of Perpetual Care and by the town, and not out of the General Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

Discussion about Perpetual Care flower accounts. Continue to use the local vendor and payment will be out of Perpetual Care flower funds. All were in favor that should there not be enough funds in Perpetual Care flower accounts available to cover costs, the town shall cover any overage expense out of the General Maintenance fund.

Corey Beem's family would like to proceed with the process so that they may volunteer to clean, maintain, restore and/or preserve the Osgood/Dudley/Gordon/Rock cemetery. Waiting to hear back from 3 Ponds Beautification Committee on the Cram cemetery. Baptist Church is celebrating their 250th this year and would like to have a walk-through of Shepard Cemetery on May 2, 2021. Joyce will reach out to them to see if they would like to volunteer to clean, maintain, restore and/or preserve (adopt) the Shepard cemetery. Joyce offered to host a workshop on cleaning and straightening for them. Joyce will draft consent forms for any/all volunteers looking to clean, maintain, restore and/or preserve private burial grounds. (per RSA 289 : 14a) and will follow up with interested parties. All agreed that any interested party shall attend a Cemetery Trustee meeting prior to any cleaning, maintaining, restoring and/or preserving in private burial grounds. Any agreement will be on a yearly basis.

Albert Belanger informed the Cemetery Trustees of a recent acquisition by the Brentwood Historical Society of a cemetery deed for Isabel Bartlett Brown. Albert will work with the Historical Society, who now has the original deed, to secure a copy for the cemetery records.

Albert Belanger donated a copy of NHOGA Restoration Handbook to be kept in the cemetery file cabinet at the town office.

Next meeting March 4, 2021 at 5 PM in Sanborn Room.

Joyce Keegal, Superintendent of Cemeteries

