

Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees

Meeting of Jun 13th, 2024 at the Meeting House, Canterbury, NH

Present were John Goegel, Jan Cote and Sam Papps; Mark Stevens and Kent Ruesswick arrived after the meeting began.

John Goegel opened the meeting at 9 a.m.

- 1) John Goegel made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 9th meeting, seconded by Jan Cote. No discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.
- 2) The Sexton was absent for this portion of the meeting. Don Eckhardt is expected to be buried sometime this spring. There was one plot sold to the Tichkos.
- 3) John reported for Veteran's Affairs that the Legion Post 31 had placed flags for Memorial Day. John sent a note of appreciation to them. The George Shannon fundraising goal had been met. Charlie Beede would be setting up the lettering soon.
- 4) Jan and the group discussed contact information for the Keepers. There was a discussion regarding setting a date for the Cemetery Inspections this summer.
- 5) Under Old Business:
 - a. Sam reported that the Lot Line Adjustment with the Hannons was ongoing and the Title Company was working on it.
 - b. The Trustees discussed Mark Padula's excavating the stumps etc. at the cemetery.
 - c. Tree work at the Maple Grove was discussed with the Trustees after John's meeting with Brian Magoon. Headstone repair was discussed by the Trustees. Several stones at Hancock would be repaired this year. Sam asked if other stones could be repaired this year. One of the Hancock Cemetery stones is beyond repair and Margaret Cogswell would be repaired instead at Hancock Cemetery.
 - d. Mark Stevens had joined the meeting and the "Orphaned Cemetery" process was discussed with the Trustees.
- 6) The Trustees discussed the possibility of having the Quaker Church buy graves at the Maple Grove for their congregation. The decision was reached to invite Greg Heath to the next Trustees meeting in July to discuss the concept of Quaker burials at Maple Grove.
- 7) The Water Tank had been installed thanks to the donation of the Moody-Hallyburton family. Mike Cote facilitated the placement.
- 8) The Gate at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery is set to be hung. It will be white. The Chain for the new barway is still in the works.
- 9) The Trustees discussed Mark Padula's request to engrave a rock in the stone wall at the cemetery as a memorial for his parents, and voted to not allow this request. The Trustees will suggest a cremation lot or a full grave lot for a marker to be placed.
- 10) The CCA approved monies as a token of appreciation for a volunteer who had donated their skills and expertise to the Expansion Project.
- 11) Mark Stevens gave a report as Historian, saying that the Cemetery Tour with Diane Modugno and Deb Allen would feature religious groups from Canterbury's history. He received an inquiry regarding a World War One Veteran, and was following up regarding that.

The next meeting will be July 11th at 9 a.m.

Final: Approved at July 11, 2024 Meeting s.p.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jan Cote, seconded by Sam Papps. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Secretary
for the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees