

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of March 23, 2023

Present: Judy Hampe, Gayle Kimball, and Sexton Joe Tristaino in person, Lynn Clark on Zoom.

Judy Hampe called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

The Minutes of the January 6, 2023 meeting were approved as circulated, with Lynn Clark abstaining.

The 2023 Budget is not yet available for review.

Sexton Tristaino reported that there is still a lot of clean up to do in Old Hopkinton because of the big tree that was taken down this winter. No urgency to remove the massive tree stump left behind. The Sexton can remove a second smaller tree.

The one-year Pinnacle Landscaping contract has been signed and a copy will be forwarded to Ken Soucy for his records.

Water valves in New Hopkinton need attention. The Sexton believes he has a solution that will avoid digging up underground pipes.

There is a large fallen tree and branch to be removed in New Hopkinton Cemetery. Also restoration work from the prior stump removal needs to be done.

The Sexton reported that there are 130 plots available for sale in Old Hopkinton Cemetery and 58 in Contoocook Village. There is plenty of room for expansion in Contoocook Village and also open land to the left of the Stumpfield Cemetery. The Sexton and Chair Clark will explore options for mapping out an expansion plan for New Hopkinton as well as Contoocook Village. Trustee Kimball will work on the layout for the next staging of Memorial Garden plots. There are also plots available in Stumpfield Cemetery as well as Blackwater.

There is current paperwork filing to be done. The Trustees will set-up some times to resume filing completed Rights to Bury to free up the Sexton for other tasks.

Year-to-date there have been four sales: one memorial plot in Old Hopkinton, one plot in Old Hopkinton and two plots in Contoocook Village.

A brief discussion ensued about pricing, and it was agreed to maintain a plot at \$650, lot at \$2600 and memorial plot at \$525.

Six burials have been scheduled for spring.

The Rules and Regulations will be reviewed at the next meeting to assure that current prices and current practices are reflected in the published paper document and also online.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April at 10 a.m. at Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball
Secretary