

HOPKINTON CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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Approved Minutes

Meeting of April 18, 2019

At the Hopkinton Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Clark. Trustees Hampe and Kimball, and Sexton Tristaino were also present.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of February 14 were approved as circulated.

Review of Financials: The financials as of March were reviewed. A question was raised as to expense incurred to date, i.e., for water and electricity since the cemeteries are closed. It was reported by Deb Gallant that these expenses are prorated throughout the calendar year.

Sexton's Report: Sexton Tristaino reviewed his Sextons Report dated April 15, 2019. The issue of funding for "casual labor" was raised; there is no money in this year's budget for same. Trust funds are being tapped for additional hours for the Sexton given the Town's level funding 2019. Recommendations were made for doggie waste stations; no action was taken at this time. An effort to publicize to citizens to pick up after their dogs will be made to see if the problem can be reduced. Keith Racine will be asked for the cost to repair headstones, and to prioritize which ones should be repaired with the amount of money that is available. It was agreed investigate limiting car traffic through the main gate to funeral traffic only, which will direct more car traffic to Lilac Lane. Wildlife cameras will be mounted at the entrance to obtain a car count at the entrance to the Old Hopkinton Cemetery. No decision was made on improving the main access road by "cut and fill" until a decision on limiting traffic is made.

Trustees' Report/Activity: Trustee Clark has organized a hands-on training for gravestone cleaning for May 19 at the Putney Cemetery. The workshop will be conducted by the New Hampshire Old Graveyard Association. Warner's Cemetery Trustees have been invited.

Unfinished Business: Cabling and upkeep of the big Maples in Old Hopkinton will be added as an item to Long Term Planning. Sienna Larson will be invited to next month's meeting to discuss possibilities around establishing an arboretum.

New Business:

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Kimball, Trustee