

HOPKINTON CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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Draft Minutes

Meeting of May 16, 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 were also present.

Guest: Sienna Larson was present to give an update on the memorial gardens, especially the Contoocook Cemetery which suffered winter damage and will need some small shrubs and perennials replaced. She will also obtain an estimate for a tree to be planted there.

Ms. Larson reviewed some thoughts for creating an arboretum at the Hopkinton Cemetery which is home to many old, majestic trees. She will make inquiries to recruit a volunteer to help identify the existing trees and woody shrubs. 25 different varieties are required

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of April 18, 2019 were approved as circulated on a motion by Trustee Hampe and second by Trustee Kimball.

Review of Financials: The financial report was reviewed. It was noted that it reflects ¼ of the contract payment to Pinnacle Landscaping.

Sexton's Report: The Sexton's written report was reviewed. Discussion ensued on the current policy of requiring a solid, enclosed vault for burial. The policy will stand.

The Sexton will be directed to begin closing one gate at the main entrance to the Hopkinton Cemetery to help redirect cars to Lilac Lane. The main thoroughfare overlaps grave sites and the potential damage to the old gravestones is of continuing concern.

Trustees' Report/Activity: Trustee Clark organized a hands-on training for gravestone cleaning which was held on May 19 at the Putney Cemetery. The workshop was well attended and several gravestones were attended to. It was agreed that further volunteer efforts would be welcome, and it would be best if they were undertaken under the general supervision of Sexton Tristiano.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Kimball, Trustee