

**Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Meeting of October 3, 2019
Minutes**

Present: Chair Lynn Clark, Judy Hampe, Gayle Kimball, and Sexton Joe Tristaino

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The Minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting were approved as circulated.

The budgetary needs for 2020 were discussed. It was agreed to increase the Sexton's hours from 19 hours to 30 hours per week and to extend the season from 32 to 34 weeks to include Veteran's Day weekend.

A brief discussion about the renewal of the lawn mowing contract with Pinnacle Landscaping was held, and any decision was tabled until we hear from the Town Administrator about what role the Town's highway department might play going forward.

It was agreed to expend \$1,400 from the trust fund for rehabilitation of 3 gravestones in the Putney Hill Cemetery.

It was agreed to expend \$3,000 from the trust fund for tree work in the Blackwater and Contoocook Cemeteries. Sexton Tristaino obtained a bid from Old Yankee Tree for a day's worth of work.

Chair Clark has contacted Bob Perry of Perry Monuments for an updated bid on mapping the Old Hopkinton Cemetery.

There was a brief discussion of the history of the cemetery trust funds. A letter will be sent to the Trustee of the Trust Funds requesting a meeting to discuss the December 21, 2005 probate court decision.

Sexton Tristaino reported that the Memorial Garden at the Contoocook Cemetery has been prepped for a tree planting, and final recommendation will be made by Sienna Larson.

The Cemetery Trustee voicemail line at town hall for public inquiries is installed and working.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball