Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees Meeting of June 18, 2020 Minutes

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

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 2 pm in the Contoocook Village Cemetery.

The Minutes of the May 22, 2020 meeting were approved as circulated.

Sexton Tristaino reported that there have been no sales of plots or lots. He also continues with his routine maintenance as well as stump removal, bush trimming, and monument straightening. He presented some ideas for dealing with the extensive asphalt break-up and upheaval to the Contoocook Cemetery roadway along the back tree line. The Old Hopkinton Main gate has been temporarily re-opened because of construction on Lilac Lane.

There was some discussion about lawn mowing and trimming and the need to minimize damage to gravestones.

Review of the Right to Bury agreement was postponed to a future meeting.

There was some discussion about the appropriate recreational use of cemetery grounds, and it was agreed that it was pleasure to see more use being made of the cemeteries. Sexton Tristaino suggested updating a faded sign in the CVC that delineates permissible uses.

It was unanimously agreed to make permanent the limitation on the placement of benches.

The Memorial Garden, along with the new perennial flower plantings in the center, was viewed in person. The possible replacement of some of the perimeter fir trees was discussed. The Hawley family plot was also visited and the reset of the corner stones viewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball