

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of August 21, 2020
Minutes

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

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. in the Blackwater Cemetery.

The Minutes of the July 17, 2020 meeting were approved as circulated.

Sexton Tristaino reported on his meeting with an arborist to assess trees in the Contoocook and Old Hopkinton Cemeteries. It was also recommended that several of the old trees should be cabled before large limbs fall in a wind or ice storm. The September meeting will be held in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery to assess aesthetic priorities along with safety and maintenance issues. Sexton Tristaino has completed notification to cemetery vendors about the notification practices required of them. There have been 2 internments in August, bringing the total for the year to 8. There are 6 additional internments scheduled. 3 Right to Burials were issued in August representing 8 plots; this brings the total for the year to 7, representing 14 plots.

It was agreed that one of the large trees in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery should be removed before it causes damage to gravestones and neighboring properties. The Sexton is investigating options and costs.

It was agreed to investigate fall plantings for the Old Hopkinton memorial garden as a volunteer has stepped forward to assist with planting and watering. There was discussion about pruning overgrown bushes and Trustee Kimball volunteered to investigate learning resources.

A Motion for the expenditure of up to \$200 for the purchase of a metal detector was made and approved unanimously. The metal detector will aid the Sexton in locating steel corner markers.

It was agreed that the price of each plot should continue at \$650 and the cost of a lot (4 plots) should be increased from \$2,200 to \$2,600.

A Resolution asking the Select Board to approve a process by which an application for a Right to Bury can be issued on a temporary basis between Select Board meetings in cases of family circumstances was reviewed and approved.

Chair Clark reported on her continuing research to identify who is buried in the unmarked graves at the New Hopkinton Cemetery. She also reported that she and others have begun research for the 2021 Clement Hill Cemetery Walk.

It was agreed to hold future meetings on Friday mornings instead of Thursdays. The September 18 meeting was scheduled to be held in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery at 10 a.m.

It was agreed to again request a meeting with the Trustee of the Trust Funds to discuss several issues regarding the Cemetery Funds including the 2005 Probate Court decree allowing the commingling of the individual trust funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball