

**Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees**  
***Nullus Vivere Relinquit***  
**Meeting of September 18, 2020**  
**Minutes**

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

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. at the Old Hopkinton Cemetery.

The Minutes of the August 21, 2020 meeting were approved as circulated with one correction that the cost of a lot has been raised to \$2,600, not \$2,400, from \$2,200.

Sexton Tristaino reported on internments (5 for the month, 13 for the year) and issuance of rights to bury (0 for the month and 7 totaling 14 plots total for the year) as well as his ongoing maintenance efforts which now include the storage shed in Contoocook Village. Cornerstone Cemetery Services completed the repairs of 5 monuments mostly in Stumpfield Cemetery.

The large trees in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery were viewed, and several suggestions were made about prioritizing removal and/or pruning and cabling to prevent future damage to gravestones and neighboring houses. The Sexton continues to review options and costs. A budget for expenditure of trust funds for these purposes will be established. Currently, there is one tree in Old Hopkinton scheduled for removal and several trees in Contoocook scheduled for pruning. There is also a dead tree in the Blackwater Cemetery slated for removal, although Sexton Tristaino believes this is not a current year priority.

The 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 continues to be investigated. Chair Clark will contact the Charitable Trusts Unit to ask for their interpretation of RSA 289:7 and to ask if this duty can be delegated or assigned to the trustees by the Select Board.

Chair Clark will contact the Clerk of the Trust Funds to ask for a meeting regarding the Cemetery Funds as well as the 2005 Probate Court decree allowing the commingling of the individual trust funds.

The trustees approved an application or payment from the Trust Funds of \$17,936.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball