

**Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees**  
***Nullus Vivere Relinquit***  
**Meeting of October 16, 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. via Zoom.

The Minutes of the September 18, 2020 meeting were approved as circulated.

Sexton Tristaino reported on his ongoing maintenance efforts including repairs to the storage shed in Contoocook Village. He also reported that two broken headstones from the Stumpfield Cemetery have been returned, and were apparently removed 15 years ago or more. His assessment is that they are beyond repair, and if so, he will take steps to have them laid in a gravel bed to help preservation efforts. There was discussion, but no conclusion, as to the obligation of the trustees to repair headstones that have not remained within our custodial care.

The Sexton discovered a broken water pipe in the New Hopkinton cemetery which requires extensive digging for repair. Sexton Tristaino will discuss possibly solutions with the Town Administrator.

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, i.e. between Select Board meetings, in cases of family circumstances continues to be investigated. The Select Board believes this cannot be delegated. Chair Clark will contact the Charitable Trusts Unit to ask for their interpretation of RSA 289:7.

The Clerk of the Trust Funds has agreed to a meeting regarding the accounting and investment of the Cemetery Funds as well as the 2005 Probate Court decree allowing the commingling of the individual trust funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball