

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of March 19, 2021
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 November 20, 2020 and February 18, 2021 meeting were accepted as circulated.

Congratulations were extended to Chair Clark on her re-election to the Trustees.

Chair Clark offered to contact the Charitable Trust Unit at the Secretary of State's office to review RSA 289:7 I.(e) and whether the trustees can issue a right to bury in emergency situations in between select board meetings. She will also review their understanding of the Cy Pres decision with them at that time.

Trustee Kimball will contact the parents who are interested in a memorial tree planting for their daughter who is buried in the New Hopkinton Cemetery.

The trustees agreed to postpone asking the Select Board to approve the creation of an expendable maintenance fund until more research has been done.

The Sexton reported that the Public Works Department is scheduled to excavate the failed water line in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery during the week of April 25, 2021. Joe will be require some assistance and he is investigation options. Repairs will be made after an evaluation is made.

Joe would like to purchase a load of pea stone for the Contoocook Cemetery to fill in some of the ruts on the rear road. He is also investigating materials to replace pine planks used to help hold some broken headstones in the Stumpfield Cemetery that are beyond repair.

The American Legion may be replacing broken flag holders and Joe will attend a meeting in April to discuss further.

In investigation the incorrect Right to Bury section designations that were issued in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery, it appears only 2, or possibly 3, errors were made. Joe will double check if any of those need to be corrected online as well as the records in our files.

Cemetery maintenance will begin this week as snow disappears, and Joe has identified several maintenance projects including clean up at the Clement Hill Cemetery as a starting point.

Weather permitting the April meeting be held at the Contoocook Cemetery to view the shed and rear property line/placement of the pine trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball