

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of May 21, 2021
Minutes

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

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Hopkinton Cemetery.

The Minutes of the April 16, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated.

There was an update on the memorial tree, a Maple Redpointe, planted at the New Hopkinton cemetery by Black Forest Nursery. Trustee Kimball will contact the Boss' to finalize details of payment.

Sexton Tristaino reported on the maintenance status of the cemeteries. Sexton Tristaino suggested that 6 water valves be replaced because they leak. The expenditure of funds for this purpose was approved. It was agreed that additional water valves should be replaced next year as well to make them easier to turn on and off. This will also help conserve water. The Sexton also reported that he has completed some work on the layout of plots at Contoocook Village Cemetery. Four internments have been scheduled for June and more are expected as covid restrictions ease. There have been no new sales.

The Town's finance director Deborah Gallant joined the trustees to review the financial statement provided by the Trustee of the Trust Funds, which Steve Lux was kind enough to furnish. Ms. Gallant also presented a three-year history of expenditures from the trust funds. Yearly expenditures exceed interest income recorded. It was agreed that further information about capital appreciation and projections for this year would be helpful in formulating a strategic spending plan for the cemeteries. Chair Clark will contact Steve Lux to discuss this as well as the recent investment history of the cemetery funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball