

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of June 18, 2021
Minutes

Present: Chair Lynn Clark, Judy Hampe (via Zoom), Gayle Kimball, and Sexton Joe Tristaino.

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

The Minutes of the May 21, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated.

Sexton Tristaino reported on the maintenance status of his spring clean-up efforts in the cemeteries. Work remains at Putney and Clement Hill. Chair Clark will investigate organizing a grave cleaning at Clement Hill like the one that preceded the Historical Society's Cemetery Walk at Putney Hill two years ago. The Sexton has identified several fallen monuments in Stumpfield that need repair. He will be installing 6 quarter turn valves in the leakiest of the water spickets as soon as they are procured and continues to recommend that another 6 be replaced next year. He will continue with pruning bushes at Contoocook Village in the next few weeks. Trustee Kimball offered to help prune some of the deciduous bushes. There have been five internments with more scheduled. There have been one or two inquires but no new right to bury sales.

There have been several discussions with two constituents about planters and planting in the memorial gardens at Old Hopkinton and Contoocook Village. At the request of one of the constituents, the Sexton removed two planters from storage and placed them in the Memorial Garden in the Contoocook Village Cemetery. He will inform that constituent that, in keeping with our policy, our independent contractor is unable to maintain annual flower plantings and offer to help her remove the cement planters she owns.

The Sexton has had several conversations with members of the American Legion about their placement of flags on the graves of veterans. He will furnish copies of any maps of the cemeteries that may aid in their recording of veterans' graves. Chair Clark offered to direct them to lists of Hopkinton residents who were veterans.

There was a brief review of past annual reports of the Trust Funds and discussion about the projected earnings in order to determine a reasonable amount to expend. The Town of Hopkinton has decreased its funding for the cemeteries significantly since 2014 which places a greater call on the trust funds. Chair Clark will address our questions about past and future earnings and investment strategy to Steve Lux of the Trustees of the Trust Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball
Secretary