

**Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees**  
***Nullus Vivere Relinquit***  
**Meeting of Aug 24, 2021**

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

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. at the Contoocook Village Cemetery.

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

Sexton Tristaino reported on the status of his maintenance efforts and summer projects, including Contoocook Village Cemetery, the New Hopkinton Cemetery, Blackwater Cemetery, and Old Hopkinton Cemetery. He continues his maintenance efforts at Clement Hill in anticipation of the Historical Society's Cemetery Walk in October. The Sexton also reported on an internment of which he had not been notified as is required. There have been seven internments since July 15 bringing the total to date to 17. There are six internments anticipated yet. Three Right to Burys have been sold: two in New Hopkinton and one this year with several inquiries being fielded.

There was an inquiry from a town resident about the upkeep of the Putnam Cemetery. There appear to be no funds for upkeep that were put aside when the Town accepted ownership, and the Town has continuously cut its contribution for several years. Nevertheless, Sexton Tristaino will schedule a ½ day in the fall to cut overgrowth and assess maintenance needs.

There was continued discussion about the records and information that is available when people are unable to find their original deed or right to bury documents. The Temporary Right to Bury and the final RTB clarify that the owner should safeguard the RTB documents as it needs to be produced when an internment is scheduled. It was agreed that we should also revisit the lot and internment information that is available online to ensure it is up-to-date and easily accessible.

The MS-9 for the first quarter of 2021 that Steve Lux was kind enough to send Chair Clark was briefly reviewed in anticipation of budget discussions for 2022-2023. The accumulated principal and income as reported was \$902,943.23. However, until we know what NH Trust is projecting for net earnings, we have no basis for an informed decision as to how much it is reasonable to expend from the trust funds.

The trustees visited the Memorial Garden. Sexton Tristaino and Trustee Kimball will schedule a consultation with our garden consultant about timing and approach for pruning the lilacs and hydrangeas.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball  
Secretary