

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of September 30, 2021

Present: Chair Lynn Clark, Judy Hampe, Gayle Kimball, and Sexton Joe Tristaino, with guest Sienna Larson

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

The Minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated.

Sienna Larson joined us for 30 minutes to present an update on her UNH Master Gardener volunteer project. Sienna has mapped and identified 16 trees that will be marked and identified for the Old Hopkinton Cemetery Tree Trail. The plaques for the trees have been ordered from an online organization www.plantsmap.org. Using a QR code, people will be able to access in-depth information about the tree that Sienna will be building on the site. Still to be done is the development of a plan for the invasives that have been identified, several located on plots, as well as the purchase and placement of a picnic table.

The trustees will review the Rules and Regulations and when next updated, ban the planting of invasive species on individual lots/plots.

Trustee Kimball will contact the Conservation Committee about inclusion of the Tree Walk on their webpages/materials.

Chair Clark will research the Abenaki names of the trees.

Ms. Larson will create an organizational access/user password for the plantsmap website.

The trustees approved the plan for the Tree Trail as presented.

Sienna also gave a brief update on her fall clean-up of the Memorial Gardens at the Old Hopkinton and Contoocook Village cemeteries.

Guest Sienna Larson left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

There was a brief discussion about the Temporary Right to Bury and the information that should be collected from a buyer versus the information that might be helpful in the future in helping family members identify where a burial plot/lot is located. The latter will be clearly identified "For Informational Purposes Only."

Trustee Kimball left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Sexton Tristaino reviewed his work in progress, including the repair of the CVC shed and valve replacements for several of the cemetery faucets. He mentioned he has marked several sites for monument placements most likely because of delays caused by the pandemic. He will schedule a half day at the Putnam Cemetery for routine maintenance and assessment of ongoing needs.

The trustees approved the transfer of \$11,802.80 from the trust funds to the Town for payment to Pinnacle Landscaping for lawnmowing.

The trustees will meet on Thursday, October 7 at 9 a.m. to prepare the budget submission for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball
Secretary