

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of February 24, 2022

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

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

The Minutes of the November 23 meeting were approved as circulated.

Sexton Tristaino reported that there are already seven internments, with two confirmed, being planned for the coming year, so he anticipates a busier than usual year.

The Sexton has been approached by the American Legion regarding an Eagle Scout project whose goal would be to identify the location of the graves of veterans to aid in the placement of flags and flag holders. Chair Clark offered to meet with the Scout to discuss the scope of the project and to offer her thoughts on the best approach to the project given its scale and complexity. She'll also apprise the Scout of the availability of records at the Hopkinton Historical Society.

There was extensive discussion about the need for future expansion in the Old Hopkinton, Contoocook Village, and New Hopkinton Cemeteries as well as accurate maps for these three cemeteries and Blackwater. It was agreed that our next mapping project will most likely be for Blackwater given the inaccuracy of available maps. Sexton Tristaino will count how many unsold sites are available in each of the cemeteries for the next meeting to further decision-making on expansion planning.

There was a brief discussion about the inaccuracy of maps for the Old Hopkinton cemetery which has led to some confusion about the site of a recent right to bury as well as how to fulfill a request to swap two CVS sites for two at Old Hopkinton. Chair Clark and Sexton Tristaino will meet to review the records in question. Due to some inaccurate lot lines, the Sexton will be working with a volunteer in the spring to measure and define a line of sites neighboring the Memorial Garden.

Trustee Kimball circulated a list of projects, chiefly mapping, section development, tree work, and replacement of the CVC shed, along with some rough estimates of cost that is an outgrowth of last year's budget meetings. She also reported that \$119,884.58 has been moved from the Perpetual Care Trust Funds to a line item within the General Expendable Trust Fund, and she is questioning the Trustees of the Trust Fund as to how this money is invested as it far exceeds our spending needs for the coming year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball
Secretary