

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of March 27, 2022

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

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

The Minutes of the February 24 meeting were approved as circulated.

Sexton Tristaino reported that he will be attending an upcoming meeting with volunteers from the American Legion to continue the discussion of identifying the placement of American flags on veteran burial plots. An Eagle Scout project has been finalized and a Scout will identify and map locations for the Old Hopkinton Cemetery. The Fire Department has inquired about the placement of holders and red Fire Department flags for its deceased members. Veterans' flags are traditionally placed to the right of the gravestone, Fire Department flags would be placed to the left. The Trustees unanimously agreed to the request so long as the placement is in keeping with Cemetery guidelines.

Sexton Tristaino reported that he has finished picking up plastic ornaments, holiday wreaths and other detritus in all the cemeteries. He has also begun picking up fallen limbs in preparation for additional grounds clean up by Pinnacle Landscaping. He has a volunteer interested in helping in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery.

The Sexton also reported that a record keeping issue in Blackwater Cemetery was resolved, as was the issue regarding the swap of plots from New Hopkinton to Old Hopkinton, and the correct identification of a Right to Bury location In Old Hopkinton that had been called into question.

The Sexton reported that there are 33 unsold plots in the Contoocook Village Cemetery, and it was agreed that the identification and mapping of additional plots should be a priority for future projects. The Sexton will identify unsold plots in New Hopkinton when time permits. Trustee Kimball offered to measure and draw a map of the memorial garden in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery to aid in the placement of future cremation remains there.

Time and dates were set for Trustee Clark to orient Trustees Kimball and Hampe to the recording and filing of records.

It was agreed that a plan for memorial trees and benches will be discussed at the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball
Secretary