

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of May 19, 2022

Present: Chair Lynn Clark, Trustee Gayle Kimball, Sexton Joe Tristaino, and Guest Michele Sarazin.

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

Michele Sarazin was asked to discuss her concerns about the enforcement of the Cemetery rules and regulations, including the removal of items from the gravesite and gravestone of her son. Mrs. Sarazin does not believe that the rules are enforced uniformly and presented several pictures of artificial flowers and dead plants that have not yet been removed this spring as an example. Mrs. Sarazin also expressed her concern about the length of the grass at Contoocook Village Cemetery. She also noted that the Cemetery was opened prior to the May 1 date listed in the Rulebook which meant she had not removed a winter wreath from her son's gravesite before it was taken away as part of spring clean-up. In addition, the Sexton had removed a brick surround from her son's gravesite planting without prior notification as specified in the written rules, and at an earlier point in time a hydrangea had been damaged by the landscapers and she thought they should be responsible for its replacement. The Cemetery Trustees expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Sarazin bringing these issues to their attention, and they will be reviewing the Rules and Regulations. Mrs. Sarazin was invited to attend the June Cemetery Trustee meeting, and Mrs. Sarazin left the meeting at approximately 10:45.

The Minutes of the April 21 meeting were approved as circulated.

The expenditure of \$4,500 for removal of 3 trees in the Putney Hill Cemetery was approved.

The expenditure of \$2,000 for the repair of four stones in Old Hopkinton Cemetery was approved.

The expenditure of \$2,000 for repairs to the shed in the Contoocook Village Cemetery was approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball
Secretary