

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of October 7, 2022

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

Judy Hampe called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

The Minutes of the August 11 meeting were approved as circulated.

Sexton Tristaino reported that the repairs to the Contoocook Village Cemetery shed have been completed. The final cost was \$9,603.70. The expense will be paid from the Town's Capital Reserve Fund for Cemetery Maintenance as approved by the Select Board.

Sexton Tristaino reported as well that mums have been planted in the two Memorial Gardens, a battery operated hedge trimmer has been purchased, and two large bushes in front of the Contoocook Village Cemetery shed were removed with assistance from the Town Highway Department. The Sexton also removed a tree at New Hopkinton Cemetery. Keith Racine of Cornerstone Cemetery Services is nearing completion of the repair of headstones, chiefly in Old Hopkinton, but also Clement Hill and Blackwater.

There was a brief discussion about the purchase of trees for the Old Hopkinton Cemetery which will be further discussed at the November meeting. It was suggested that the Strategic Plan also be reviewed then.

There was a discussion about the buy-back of cemetery plots in the Stumpfield Cemetery. The Sexton will investigate the original purchase price and also ask the owner if they have their original paperwork.

There have been 18 sales to date for a total of 42 plots. Five internments are scheduled, and 38 services have been completed this year.

There was a brief discussion about record keeping and whether sales are being processed promptly and recorded. This matter merits further discussion and an action plan. Also there is the matter of old records that need to be filed.

There has been no additional progress on a plan for siting interments once the outer edges are full at the Old Hopkinton Memorial Garden. The Sexton suggested that a plan was needed for the Contoocook Village Cemetery as well.

Trustee Kimball reported that she sent sympathy cards to Mona Lane and Neal Cass on behalf of the trustees and sexton.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball
Secretary