

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees

Nullus Vivere Relinquit

Minutes

6-21-2018

At the Hopkinton Town Hall at 8:30 AM

Call to Order; the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Gerseny at 8:28AM. In attendance were Trustees Clark, Gerseny and Hampe and Sexton Tristaino.

Approval of the Minutes: The Trustees unanimously approved the minutes of May 17, 2018 and June 18, 2018 as presented.

Current Interment and Sale and other Cemetery activity was reviewed.

- Bonnie Cook and daughter Sarah Pearce purchased a plot, interment on June 23, Hampe
- Donna Tortakella is considering a plot purchase in Contoocook or possible in Stumpfield. Gerseny
- Ruth and Edwin Ricker considering the purchase of a plot in Contoocook. Gerseny & Tristaino
- The Trustees concluded that the extraordinary request made by Bobbie Windhurst to install a bench in Contoocook Village Cemetery in a roadside right-of-way was not acceptable. Trustee Hampe to notify Mrs. Windhurst.
- Subler in Old Hop and Dimond in New Hop have extended grave plantings beyond that permitted by the Rules & Regulations. Gerseny to make contact.
- Louis A Schyd will be interred on Tuesday, June 26th in Contoocook E 153, 1&2. Gerseny Notice to Gerry.
- Don Huston called re interring Everett and MaryAnn Huston, in Contoocook E 145, 2&3 Notice to Gerry Courser, Tristaino
- The Caer family has made an inquiry regarding a fall interment, Tristaino
- The Trustees considered the report from Don Lane to the Sexton that there was an unmarked grave In Old Hop in Section NF. The Sexton was asked to locate the gravesite and mark it as occupied on the map. Joe will also see if he can get any information from Don about the identity of the occupant.

The Cemetery Regulations were discussed and approved in their current form. Lynn Clark will finalize the form and distribute them to the Trustees and Sexton and the Town office for upload onto the web site and for printing. Thanks to Judy Hampe and Lynn Clark.

The Cemetery Procedures were discussed and the Trustees agreed that we would implement them as temporary procedures and finalize them at the July meeting.

Sexton Tristaino noted that he had been busy working on memorial stones particularly "leaners". He estimates that there were 25 broken headstones in the four active cemeteries. Trustee Clark opined that volunteers to assist Sexton Tristaino in memorial stone repair might be attracted to a seminar on same. She also volunteered to assist in stone repair. Plans are to be made.

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Sexton Tristaino submitted a proposal from Pinnacle Landscaping for road repair in Old Hop. The Trustees approved the extraordinary expense as perpetual maintenance. The Trustees concluded that the proposal was acceptable but considered whether stump grinding should occur prior to that. The Sexton will inquire with Pinnacle, Jeff Dearborn and Bubba Gump Stump Grinding.

Sexton Tristaino asked for approval to post signs in Contoocook to deter visitors from driving on the grassy lanes in section F. Approval was given.

The Trustees discussed the arrangement with Gerry Courser. Trustee Hampe expressed concern about the fact that the Trustees cannot give a family a clear representation of the costs associated with opening and closing a grave. She opined that the Trustees should take greater responsibility for this process. The Trustees concluded that more research was needed. Joe will contact Dunbarton, Weare and New Boston Cemeteries, Lynn will contact Henniker, Chichester and Epsom, Judy will contact Amherst, Bow and Antrium and Bob will contact Glen, Alstead and Bethlehem.

The Find-a-Grave person Norma Milne will be invited to the August meeting.

Pending Issues

- Long Term Planning/Goals
- Preparation of back lot at Old Hopkinton
- Mapping
- American Legion flag holder project

Past 2018 Interment and Sale Activity

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- Nancy Braeman, sale in Old Hopkinton, Section GN, Hampe
- Mary Boutwell, May 12th Gerseny called and the interment went well.
- Barbara Corliss, May 12th Gerseny called and the interment went well.
- Cheryl Reen Bennet inquired as to space in the Reen plot. Hampe
- Martha Bowers inquired about cost of plots. Hampe
- Efner Holmes looking to confirm that there is room for an aunt in the Holmes lot, Hampe
- George Malmberg inquired about room for burials in his parent's lots; George and Rauha malmberg.
- Gus Urich, cremains were successfully interred in Old Hop on June 17th all was well. Carl Urich plans to install a flush stone at the family site for future interment. Gerseny
- Faith Duclos, formerly Astles asked to confirm the Astles plots, Gerseny

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Next Meeting is scheduled for July 18th, 2018 at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall. Lynn Clark will invite Bob Perry of Topographix to join us at 9:00 AM for information on mapping.

Respectfully submitted

Bob Gerseny

RP Gerseny