

Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees
Nullus Vivere Relinquit
Meeting of April 16, 2021
Minutes

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

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. via Zoom.

The Minutes of the March 19, 2021 meeting were approved as circulated with the inclusion of the specific RSA title, i.e. RSA 289:7 I. (e), in reference to the signing of the Right to Bury in the first paragraph.

Chair Clark welcomed Josephine Franta, a high school student researching a civics project.

Chair Clark congratulated landscape consultant Sienna Larson in obtaining a grant to help with signage for our Arboretum/Tree Walk project in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery.

Section Tristaino reported on his progress on the opening of the cemeteries as well as several projects.

The broken water pipe in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery has been replaced and is now working.

The Old Hopkinton, New Hopkinton, and Contoocook Village Cemeteries are open and have been mostly cleaned of winter branches and debris. There was discussion of the signage for the Old Hopkinton Cemetery to remind dog walkers to be respectful and clean up feces, which appears to be a significant problem.

Seven (7) internments have been scheduled.

A cleanup day with volunteers will most likely be scheduled for Clement Hill to help ready the cemetery for this fall's Cemetery Walk.

Sexton Tristaino continues to keep a record of broken monuments and other issues needing attention as time permits.

The meeting with the American Legion to discuss plans for flags is in the offing.

Sexton Tristaino signed off Zoom at 10:45.

Chair Clark will schedule a meeting for the trustees with the Town Finance Director, Deborah Gallant, to discuss expenditures over a three-year period as part of our on-going discussion with

the Trustees of the Trust Funds regarding the Cy Pres decision and the set-up of an unrestricted operating fund to hold income and earnings generated by the various cemetery trusts.

Trustee Hampe reported that Sienna Larson had discussed plans for up-keep of the memorial gardens and will invite her to attend our next meeting.

Trustee Kimball reported that James Newsom, Chair of the Conservation Committee, has volunteered to help identify trees for our Tree Walk and other projects.

Weather permitting the May meeting be held at the Contoocook Cemetery to view the shed and rear property line/placement of the pine trees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball