

May 9th, 2024 Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees Meeting

Held at the Meeting House, Canterbury Center

Present were John Goegel, Jan Cote, and Sam Papps, Mark Stevens

John Goegel, Chairman, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

- 1) The meeting opened with Kathleen McKay discussing the recent Right-To-Know seminar she attended and gave recommendations concerning email communications, including the establishment of Town emails for all board members for cemetery communications. The Trustees thanked Kal for coming in.
- 2) John Goegel made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2024 meeting, seconded by Jan Cote. John made one amendment to the minutes, clarifying a section regarding Mark's work in the Town Report and Kal McKay's help printing copies of the report from the Town Report. Vote unanimous and the minutes were placed on file as amended.
- 3) Sexton's Report by Sam Papps from Kent Ruesswick reported that Johanna Schmidt Stohrer was buried.
- 4) The Historians Report by Mark Stevens noted that he had been working with Deb and Diane regarding the next Cemetery walk. George Glines' footstone would be set in the coming weeks. Mary Jane Rogers contacted him regarding the flowers at the cemetery she sets at the Rogers lot, and he sent a copy of the bylaws to her. Mark also discussed with the Trustees the plan for mowing the cemeteries for Memorial Day.
- 5) John Goegel's Veterans Affairs report included that he would contact the Legion in Penacook to make sure they are putting out the flags in the cemetery for Memorial Day again.
- 6) Jan Cote noted for the Keepers Report that the Spring Keepers letter would go out soon. The Trustees also discussed the rotation of the cemetery inspections, and what cemeteries needed to be visited this year.
- 7) Under Old Business, the land acquisition from the Hannons was discussed by the Trustees. There will be a Planning Board hearing and decision on May 14th regarding the lot line adjustment.

Sam made a motion to enter executive session at 9:56 a.m., Jan seconded. Vote was taken; motion passed.

Sam made a motion to exit executive session at 10:30 a.m., seconded by John. Vote was taken; motion passed.

John made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session; seconded by Jan. Vote was taken; motion passed.

The Trustees discussed the budget for tree removals and headstone repairs, and the Hancock Cemetery repairs and one headstone at Maple Grove were discussed. The Trustees also talked about the status of the Mathes Cemetery and how to deal with the broken headstone there as it may be a private cemetery. John brought up the oak tree at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery, and a birch tree; John will contact Brian Magoon to discuss tree work for the year.

- 8) The water holding tank at the Maple Grove, facilitated by Jan Cote, will be installed in the following week. There was discussion regarding a gift for the surveyor who has helped the Trustees with the expansion over the past year; the maple tree at the Center Cemetery was discussed but no change in its status had been received. The Trustees also discussed the George Shannon memorial and got an update from John regarding monies raised. He also noted that there was a new poster made by Rachel Baker
- 9) The Trustees discussed the chain for the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery; it is with Dave Court the Blacksmith. Jeff Leidinger's gate for the SMC is also under way.
- 10) The Trustees decided to table the discussion with the Quaker Meetinghouse Group for green burials until the next meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at 9 a.m. at the Meeting House(?).

Motion to adjourn was made by John Goegel, seconded by Jan Cote. Motion passed; meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Secretary
Canterbury Cemetery Trustees