

Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees

Meeting of Thurs. December 12th, 2024, at the Elkins Library, Canterbury Center.

Present were John Goegel, Jan Cote, Sam Papps, Trustees, Mark Stevens, Historian.

John Goegel called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

- 1) Minutes of the November 14th, 2024, Trustees Meeting were amended by the group. John made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Jan. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) No Sexton's Report as Sexton Ruesswick was absent.
- 3) Mark Stevens discussed Donald Blanchard's previous request to be interred at the Emery Lot in Section B at Maple Grove Cemetery, and the group concluded confirmation of the agreement could be made upon inspection of the lot, with the clarifying details of if full casket interments were possible and the placement of them, etc. Mr. Stevens also discussed the Annual Report that had been circulated by the Trustees.
- 4) John Goegel referred to two new possible veterans that were brought forward from the 2024 interments: Kevin L. Fife and Samuel Smartt. Kevin L. Fife would receive a flag, and lacking sufficient evidence of service, Mr. Smartt would not receive a flag.
- 5) Jan Cote noted she sent condolences to the Travis family on behalf of the Trustees. She noted that Gordon and Dale had been working on the Brown Cemetery.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a. Kevin J. Fife's estimate was discussed. We should be able to encumber some monies from 2024 for this project.
 - b. The Trustees concurred that the layout of the new section at Maple Grove Cemetery would commence in the spring of 2025, and a chart would be drawn up.
 - c. A sign denoting some of the rules was brought forward, and John and Jan had gotten a quote from Signarama for \$89 for a 24"x18" metal sign for Maple Grove. The Trustees decided this would be brought up again after Town Meeting in March of 2025.
 - d. The Annual Report was discussed by the Trustees.
- 7) New Business:
 - a. The Trustees discussed Greg Heath's email on behalf of the Quaker Congregation, and our reply to him. John will reply to the email.
 - b. The Trustees discussed the Receiving Tomb at Center Cemetery, and the repair work that needs to be done.
 - c. John Goegel brought up the idea of designating a "Pauper's Section" at Maple Grove Cemetery for indigent burials. This conversation will need more input in coming meetings.

- 8) John made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Sam. Motion passed unanimously. The next meeting will be Thurs. February 20th, 2025, at the Meeting House at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Papps, Secretary
for the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees