

Minutes of February 20, 2025 Cemetery Trustees Meeting

Held at the Meeting House, Canterbury, NH

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

John Goegel opened the meeting at 9 a.m.

Item 1: Several amendments were made to the minutes of the December 12, 2024 Trustees Meeting, and after discussion, John made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Jan. a vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Item 2: There was no Sexton's Report.

Item 3: Mark Stevens reported as that he had continued to work with the family of an indigent resident to procure trust fund money to pay for a grave and headstone and associated burial expenses. He also reported that Donald Blanchard's family would be coming in the spring to have his ashes buried at Maple Grove Cemetery.

Item 4: John Goegel had no report for Veteran's Affairs.

Item 5: Jan Cote reported as the Cemetery Keepers Coordinator that Brenda Travis would work with Beth Blair to maintain the Ham I cemetery on Shaker Road. The Trustees reviewed the list of Keepers with Trustee Cote and she will send a spring notice in the town email and newsletter.

Item 6: Old Business,

- a. The Trustees discussed the completed expansion. The only thing left is to layout graves in the spring and then sell lots to families.
- b. John and Jan will orchestrate the new rules sign for the Maple Grove after Town Meeting.
- c. Sam made a motion to accept the quote of \$700 from Patrick Ahern for masonry repairs to the Morrill Receiving Tomb, second by John. Motion passed.

Item 7: New Business,

- a. John Goegel replied to Greg Heath on December 16, 2024.
- b. The Trustees discussed the idea of opening part of the Center Cemetery for cremation interments. Kent will bring more ideas to the March Trustees meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 20th, 2025 at 9 a.m.

John Goegel made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Jan Cote. Vote was unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Papps, Secretary