

Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees: meeting of Tuesday, May 22, 2025

Held at the Meeting House, Canterbury, NH

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

John Goegel opened the meeting at 9 a.m.

- 1) Motion by John Goegel to accept the minutes; seconded by Jan Cote. Discussion was to correct “stonewall” to two words. Motion to approve minutes as amended passed.
- 2) The Sexton’s report was given by John Goegel for Kent Ruesswick; May 16th Kent adjusted the corner markers for the Stavros lot at Maple Grove. May 12th the water tank was filled by the Fire Chief Gamache and EMT Herbie Batchelder.
- 3) Mark Stevens reported that the indigent burial, headstone was in and ready to be installed once an interment date had been set. Memorial Day preparations were underway; the Revolutionary War stanchion for a flag at the George Shannon memorial, paid for by the Canterbury Cemetery Association, would be installed on Memorial Day.
- 4) John Goegel reported that the above mentioned stanchion had been procured for the Shannon memorial. Sam noted he approved a VA Marker Application for Arthur G. Stavros. On May 18th, Doug Stone replaced the flags in anticipation of Memorial Date for Veteran’s graves. John will leave excess flags in the Receiving Tomb. Mark Stevens noted that he was working on research concerning one Ebenezer Chandler, who was from Canterbury and served in the Revolutionary War. The burial location was unknown, possibly in Loudon. John Goegel noted he’d like a list of “unknown” burials.
- 5) Jan Cote reported that the spring letter to the Keepers was sent out. She heard from one Keeper. The Trustees would discuss the Inspections at the next meeting.
- 6) Concerning the Maple Grove expansion, Mark Stevens, Kent Ruesswick, Jan Cote and John Goegel met on May 8th 2025 and laid out sixty graves in the new section with rebar and aluminum caps to denote the lots. The entrance to the north end was finished with the installation of two new granite posts and repairs to the stone wall, with a new driveway of crushed stone. The Trustees discussed who needed to be called, and a brief list was reviewed of residents who wanted to buy lots.
 - a. The Rules sign post was set, and sign picked up. The sign was yet to be installed.
 - b. Masonry on the Receiving Tomb was repointed this year; the roof and trim would be a future project.
 - c. The Trustees discussed allocation of the 2025 budget to headstone repair and tree work. The question came up regarding the Mary Mathes headstone, and it was questioned if the Cemetery Association could pay for the repair.

The Trustees moved to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting will be July 17th at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Papps, Secretary for the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees.