

Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees

Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, at the Meeting House

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

John Goegel opened the meeting at 9 a.m.

The Trustees signed cemetery deeds for McGill, Dahl and Shephard. They also reviewed the design for the Winden monument that is expected to be erected in the spring.

John made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21st meeting, seconded by Jan Cote. The Trustees discussed the verbiage and there was a correction made. John asked for a vote on approving the amended minutes, and the Trustees voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

John made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18th meeting, seconded by Sam Papps. There was no discussion, and the Trustees voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed.

Kent Ruesswick was not in attendance, but John Goegel reported that Kent would like to discuss the new building at Maple Grove at the next Work Session in the spring. The Trustees discussed the tree work at Maple Grove and John will contact Brian Magoon for an invoice.

Mark Stevens reported that the annual report is coming along well. Jeremiah Clough will be the focus of the historical essay. The Trustees also discussed welcoming the newest Cemetery Keepers.

There was no report on the Veterans' Affairs or Cemetery Keepers programs.

Under budgeted projects, the Trustees discussed encumbrances for the remainder of the budget to be earmarked for headstone repairs next year and Sam will follow up with the Town finance department on this. They also discussed the post at the entrance to Maple Grove, and Mark questioned if a new post should be procured from Swenson rather than repair the old post. This will be a project for 2026.

The Trustees will discuss the new building at Maple Grove at their work session. John reported that after notice in the newsletter and in the town email, the items from November 1st cleanup at Maple Grove were taken to the Transfer Station on November 22nd.

The Trustees discussed a request from Verna Young of Northwest Road to transfer two of her four cemetery lots, so her daughter Sheila Young could have a separate upright headstone. The decision was made to table this request until the next meeting.

The Trustees will meet on January 20th at 9 a.m. at the Meeting House for a work session, discussing the current bylaws and Right of Interment documents, and any changes that may need to be made to ensure uniformity and consistency in policy between the documents.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote at 10:04 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Papps, Secretary
for the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees