

## **Minutes of the Cemetery Trustees**

Location of Meeting:       Boscawen Municipal Facility  
                                  116 North Main Street  
                                  Boscawen, N.H. 03303

Present at Meeting:       Rhoda Hardy, Cemetery Trustee Chair  
                                  Beverly Lacoy, Cemetery Trustee  
                                  Lauren Hargrave, Cemetery Trustee Secretary

The regular meeting of the Cemetery Trustees was called to order at the Boscawen Municipal Facility, 116 North Main Street, Boscawen, N.H. on July 19, 2023, at 9:03 a.m.

### **Approval of minutes from last meeting:**

*Beverly Lacoy made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023. Seconded by Rhoda Hardy. Passed Unanimously.*

### **Old Business:**

1. Updated Pine Grove Cemetery Spreadsheet: Updated Jun 22, 2023, Pine Grove Cemetery Spreadsheets were distributed to all Trustees by Lauren Hargrave, secretary for at home review, corrections, additions, etc. to be returned at the next regular scheduled meeting.
2. Gookin Cemetery Update: An email correspondence from Cynthia Herlong of North Carolina, a direct descendent of Lt. Capt. Nathaniel Gookin, an American Revolutionary War Soldier, regarding the Gookin Cemetery was distributed to all Trustees by Lauren Hargrave, secretary for review. The email outlined all the things she was looking to have done at the cemetery and that she was going to seek help from other agencies and organizations. No official request has been made by her at this time to the Cemetery Trustees. Lauren Hargrave also reported no official request has been made by Ms. Herlong through the Boscawen Historical Society according to Lauren's verbal conversations with Elaine Clow, BHS President.
3. Terry Knowles – Right to Inter Response: An email correspondence from Terry Knowles regarding "Right to Inter" was distributed to all Trustees by Lauren Hargrave, secretary for review. Terry Knowles' opinion is that "In my opinion it would create a great deal of confusion to try to contact the original lot owners even

if the Cemetery Trustees can locate them all. It could be an administrative nightmare. But – more importantly – these lot holders received valid deeds from the Town of Boscawen and there could be legal problems in eliminating the rights they have under a deed with the issuance of right-to-inter documents. I recommend the Trustees issue right-to-inter documents going forward.” After reviewing this response, the Cemetery Trustees agreed to issue Right-to-Inter going forward and not try to rewrite older Cemetery Deeds into Right-to-Inter documents.

### **New Business:**

1. Wendell Butt Funeral Cremation: Lauren Hargrave, Secretary, reported she was contacted by Jill McDaniel-Huckins, City of Concord, Cemetery Administrator, regarding Forrestina Rose Herbert. Wendall Butt Funeral Home, upon its closure, had approximately seventy-one cremations which had been in their storage vault which were transferred to Jill McDaniel-Huckins for disposition. Within the seventy-one cremations was Forrestina Rose Herbert’s cremains. Mrs. Herbert was the wife of Raymond “Willie” Herbert. Her maiden’s name is Gault, daughter of Forrest and Marybell (Holmes) Gault. She was a former resident of Queen Street and passed away at Merrimack County Nursing Home. According to the cremation record, obituary, and Wendall Butt Funeral Home record, Ms. Herbert was to be interred with her husband at Pine Grove Cemetery, Boscawen, New Hampshire. Ms. Herbert did not have any living relatives to pay the interment at the time of her death, so she was never interred. Lauren Hargrave further reported she drove to Concord, took control of all the necessary documentation and of Forrestina Rose Herbert’s cremains, which were enclosed in a square granite urn, and transported them to Dean Hollins at the Public Works Department for holding until the Cemetery Trustees could meet and determine if they would agree to inter the remains at no cost into the designated cemetery plot with her husband which was previously paid in full. Lauren Hargrave also reported that according to her conversation with Jill McDaniel-Huckins, Mike Burke will pay for the engraving on the Headstone. She also noted that Ms. Herbert’s name and year of birth are already engraved so the only engraving needed is the year of death. According to the Cemetery Rules, the Cemetery Trustees can consider this case under rule # 15 “In case of hardship, special consideration may be granted.” ***Lauren Hargrave made a motion to Inter the remains of Forrestina Rose Herbert at no cost to be performed by the Boscawen sexton at his convenience into the Herbert plot with her husband. Seconded by Beverly Lacoy. Passed Unanimously.*** Lauren Hargrave will contact Dean Hollins and let him know the Trustees have agreed to have her cremains interred at no cost.
2. Beaver Dam Cemetery Mole Issue: Tabled until next meeting when the Sexton is available.

**Other Business:**

**Meeting Closed:** *Beverly Lacey made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lauren Hargrave. Passed Unanimously.* The meeting closed at 10:05 a.m.

**Next Meeting:** The Next Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Trustees will be held at the Boscawen Municipal Facility, 116 North Main, Boscawen, N.H. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lauren Hargrave, Cemetery Trustee Secretary 7/24/2023.