

## **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  
                                  Dean Hollins, Cemetery Sexton

The regular meeting of the Cemetery Trustees was called to order at the Boscawen Municipal Facility, 116 North Main Street, Boscawen, N.H. on August 16, 2023, at 9:09 a.m.

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

*Beverly Lacoy made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2023. Seconded by Rhoda Hardy. Passed Unanimously.*

### **Old Business:**

1. Gookin Cemetery Update: Email correspondences from and to 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. Ms. Herlong continued to contact Elaine Clow, Boscawen Historical Society President, and Lauren Hargrave, Boscawen Historical Society Volunteer Researcher. Lauren Hargrave noted that no official request has been made by her at this time to the Cemetery Trustees, but she continues to request information regarding hiring someone to care for the Gookin Cemetery. Lauren Hargrave also reported that she has spoken to Elaine Clow, and she is aware that the issue should be left to the Cemetery Trustees to handle after a formal request is made by Ms. Herlong. A long discussion took place regarding Ms. Herlong's repeated requests and Lauren Hargrave's repeated responses regarding a written request being made to the Cemetery Trustees. Lauren Hargrave noted that she is in a precarious position due to the fact that she is both a Trustee and also a Volunteer for the Historical Society. Additionally, Lauren Hargrave noted that all her responses to Ms. Herlong were done in her capacity as a Historical Society Volunteer and that she continues to

bring the issue to the Cemetery Trustees as a courtesy and on an informational level. Rhoda Hardy would like to write a letter to Ms. Herlong as the President of the Cemetery Trustees and strongly express she must address all her requests regarding Gookin Cemetery to the Boscawen Cemetery Trustees in writing and not to the Historical Society. ***Lauren Hargrave made a motion to have Rhoda Hardy write a letter to Ms. Herlong instructing her to stop correspondence with the Historical Society regarding Gookin Cemetery and only correspond with the Boscawen Cemetery Trustees in writing with her concerns. Seconded by Beverly Lacoy.*** Further discussion took place and ***Lauren Hargrave made a motion to rescind her previous motion. Seconded by Beverly Lacoy. Passed Unanimously.*** ***Lauren Hargrave made a motion to totally disregard the matter until a formal written request is made in writing. Additionally, if any further correspondence is sent to Lauren Hargrave as a Boscawen Historical Society Volunteer, she will not respond and will send the correspondence directly to Rhoda Hardy, President of the Cemetery Trustees for her to respond on behalf of the Boscawen Cemetery Trustees. Seconded by Beverly Lacoy Passed Unanimously.*** No further action is required and the matter is closed.

#### **Other Business:**

1. Beaver Dam Cemetery Mole Issue: Lauren Hargrave reported to Dean Hollins, Sexton, that Beaver Dam Cemetery has a mole issue resulting from grub activity. Dean Hollins reported the issue has been resolved as it was noticed and taken care of prior to this meeting. It was noted that without the Webster side of the cemetery treating for grubs they will potentially spread again to the Boscawen side of the cemetery. Currently the grass is green, and the activity has stopped on the Boscawen side of the cemetery. No further action is needed.

**Meeting Closed:** *Beverly Lacoy made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lauren Hargrave. Passed Unanimously.* The meeting closed at 9:55 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, September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lauren Hargrave, Cemetery Trustee Secretary 8/22/2023.