

FINAL 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 Lacey, Cemetery Trustee
 Lauren Hargrave, Cemetery Trustee Secretary
 Dean Hollins, 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 June 21, 2023, at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

Rhoda Hardy made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2023. Seconded by Beverly Lacey. Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

- 1. Tree - Pine Grove Cemetery:** Dean Hollins reported he sold a lot approximately a month ago to a family for their mother, Elma Bean, to be interred in Pine Grove Cemetery. They had asked if they could purchase a magnolia tree to be planted in an appropriate location in the cemetery. Rhoda Hardy questioned if a magnolia grows in the New England area. Lauren Hargrave questioned where the tree would be placed. A magnolia tree does grow in New England and reaches approximately 14 to 16 feet in height. Dean Hollins recommended that if planting of the tree is acceptable that it be placed towards the road in the back of the cemetery. Bev Lacey recommended the tree be placed towards the back of the cemetery. Rhoda Hardy questioned how much clean up it would require. *Lauren Hargrave made a motion to allow the family to donate a magnolia tree to be planted in the back of Pine Grove Cemetery towards the end of the center roadway by the Public Works Department. Seconded by Rhoda Hardy. Passed Unanimously.*
- 2. Administrative Fee Increase:** Dean Hollins reported the administrative fee increase was not discussed in a Cemetery Trustee Meeting and he recommends the approval of the increased fees. The back of the Cemetery Regulations, where the fees are recorded, should be updated by the Secretary, Lauren Hargrave. A

corrected electronic copy should be sent to Nicole Hoyt, the other Cemetery Trustees, and the Sexton. Changes are as follows: \$250 for the corner markers making the cost of a single lot \$550 instead of the current price of \$475. It was noted that the fee increase was approved previously by the Town Selectboard.

Other Business:

1. **Gookin Cemetery Request:** Lauren Hargrave reported that during her role as a volunteer at the Boscawen Historical Society, Elaine Clow asked her to help a lady from North Carolina with researching documents relative to her 5th great grandfather, Nathaniel Gookin, a Revolutionary War Patriot. In the course of helping with documents, she asked who she could contact to purchase the Gookin Cemetery. Lauren further reported she responded to her with a list of the NH Cemetery RSA's which explain what she would need to do to receive access to the cemetery, who is responsible for the cemetery, and the procedure for contacting the Town Clerk's office to determine who owns the property in question, etc. Additionally, Lauren expressed that if she has a specific request regarding the cemetery to send in a written request and the Cemetery Trustees will review it and respond to her. No further contact with her has taken place and no formal request has been received as of today's date. If a request is made in the future it will be brought to the Trustees at their next regular meeting.
2. **Beaver Dam Cemetery Update:** Lauren Hargrave reported that she and Beverly Lacoy continue to work on recording, photographing, and mapping Beaver Dam Cemetery. Additionally, she reported that Barbara Corliss from the Webster Historical Society would like to meet with Lauren and Bev this Friday, June 23rd at 9:00 a.m. to review her Beaver Dam Cemetery Project and the Boscawen Cemetery Trustee Project. Any collaboration or information which can be shared will be considered.

Old Business:

1. **Pine Grove Cemetery Spreadsheet:** The Pine Grove Cemetery spreadsheet was passed out to all present. Rhoda Hardy, Beverly Lacoy, Lauren Hargrave, and Dean Hollins reviewed the spreadsheet and discussed changes which should be made. Changes will be given to Lauren Hargrave for her to update the spreadsheet accordingly. Lauren Hargrave pointed out that the Trustees have been working on this project for over two years now and believes changes can be made at the homes of the Cemetery Trustees and Sexton and given at each subsequent meeting to be updated on the spreadsheet by Lauren Hargrave. She further noted, going over the spreadsheet and spending hours at each meeting discussing

changes seems to be excessive. A discussion took place regarding what the ultimate goal was for compiling the information. Rhoda Hardy explained she would like all the deeds from Pine Grove Cemetery recalled and a new Right to Inter document produced. It is her understanding that during Terry Knowles' presentation at the NH Cemetery Association meeting all deeds should be replaced with Right to Inter. Lauren questioned if it is feasible to go backwards and her understanding was that Right to Inter would be utilized from January 2023 forward. Dean Hollins concurred. Rhoda Hardy requested Lauren Hargrave contact Terry Knowles for clarification regarding replacing all Deeds with Right To Inter.

Meeting Closed: *Lauren Hargrave made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Beverly Lacey. Passed Unanimously.* The meeting closed at 10:26 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, July 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lauren Hargrave, Cemetery Trustee Secretary 6/26/2023.