

Cemetery 12/10/2021 Minutes-APPROVED
Franconia Cemetery Trustees
Location: The Town Hall, Main Street, Franconia NH

This scheduled meeting of the Cemetery Trustees was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Mary Brubaker

Attendees: Mary Brubaker, Jayne O'Connor, Robert (Chris) Collman
There were no members of the public present

1. The minutes from 12/03/2021 were reviewed:

Motion by Chris to accept the minutes with one addition. Second by Mary. The Minutes were approved unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Desimone request.:

Mr. Bobby Desimone requested he be able to purchase lot #2-6-3, next to his parents' lot near the picket fence in the Elmwood Cemetery. That lot is set aside by the Town for burying indigent residents, but there are no records of any burials in the lot. The Trustees feel it would be best to probe the lot in the spring. If the transfer is made, the Trustees will move the Town lot to another open lots; perhaps 4-11-5 next to the Bahr lot. The Trustees would require a release stating that there are no records indicating any burials in the lot, and that Mr. Desimone hold the Town harmless should that not be the case. The Trustees asked that Jayne work with Mr. DeSimone on his request.

3. Fence repair:

In order to estimate material needed to repair the picket fence, Jayne walked the fence and determined it to be about 300' feet long with round metal poles at about 8' apart, requiring the purchase of about 40 sections of fence.

4. One of the concrete posts along the entrance way was hit and knocked over in the past week, apparently by a vehicle entering or exiting the Fox Hill Cooperative. Jayne reported the incident to Town Administrator Kim Cowles, as it is Town property that was damaged, as well as to the administrator of the Fox Hill Cooperative. At Kim's suggestion, a police report was filed.

5. The Trustees learned there is a central source for cemetery information and pricing called the Dunham's Green Book, when a local funeral home asked that the Franconia cemetery information be updated. New information was sent to the website, and the website (DunhamsGreenbookOnline.com) will be placed within the Cemetery records so future Trustees will be aware of the source. The website is: DunhamsGreenbookOnline.com.

6. Vaill-Cornell Private Cemetery:

The Trustees became aware of a private cemetery on the former Vaill property on Magowan Hill. There are multiple burials there, and it was suggested those people be added to the Town vital records. Chris will look through the legal information about the Trustees' responsibility concerning a private cemetery. The current owner of the property, Ann Steuernagel, has offered to take the Trustees on a tour.

6. 2022 Budget:

The Trustees continued work on the Cemetery budget for 2022. Chris will work on the transfer amount from the Perpetual Care Funds. The Trustees of the Town Trust Funds have a question about donation funds vs public funds on data sheet sent by Diane at the investment firm. This discussion is continuing.

7. Mary will draft the annual report for the Town Report

8. Next meeting: The next meeting date was set for Dec. 17 at 9:30 at the Town Hall.

9. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, Jayne O'Connor