

Cemetery 10/14/2022 Minutes - APPROVED

Franconia Cemetery Trustees

Location: The Town Hall, Main Street, Franconia NH

Meeting called to order at 9:20 by Chair Mary Brubaker.

Attendees: Mary Brubaker & Jayne O'Connor. There were no members of the public present.

1. Review Minutes of 9/9/22

Motion by Mary to approve with corrections. Second by Jayne. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

2. Since Last Meeting:

- Fox Hill Lane Cooperative is required to have a sign about the Federal grant for the septic and water work being done. Approval was given by the Town office to put it on Cemetery property. The Cemetery Trustees found it inappropriate placement, and a more suitable spot was offered by an abutter, the O'Connors, so the sign was put there. Town employees and citizens are reminded to alert the Cemetery Trustees of any activity at the Cemeteries, that the trustees may make the appropriate decisions.
- Willow brush removal : Mary will get a quote from George Dimick to work in the Willow Cemetery this fall on brush removal. It can be done in sections.
- Bob DeSimone – Jayne will write letter with approval, subject to him sharing if anyone is later found there. The area was probed by Penny and will be sold "as is".
- Water will be turned off at the Town's convenience.
- Willow abutter notices sent regarding trees. Sent by first class mail. Attached to these minutes.

3. Burials this year, to date:

Camilla Palladino	April 18	lot 3-9-24 (Micciche lot)
Ramona Marjorie Wessels	June 17	lot 3-7-9&10
Ken Ford	July 10	lot 4-12-55B
Priscilla Shufelt	July 16	lot 3-9-45
Barbara Holt	July 23	lot 3-9-10
Rita Fenoff	August 2	lot 3-9A-14B
Ruth Kelley	August 17	lot 4-12-26
Stacey Ainsworth	August 25	lot 3-9A-9 (Hunt lot)
Rob Martin	August 29	lot 2-6-9

4. Lot Purchases, to date:

Christine Conforti	Lot 3-9-B top
Beverly Hunt	Lot 3-9A-9 double lot (adjacent to current lot)

5. Future Burials on record:

Michael Conforti	October 15	lot 3-9B-15A
Jane Ferrelli	October 29	3-8-2&3
Cumbee burial in columbarium	no date yet	3-9A-12
Courtney Pedro	no date yet	3-9A-12
Colin Ball	no date yet	4-11-32&33

6. Review Expenses to Date ("Transaction Detail By Account"):
George Dimick sent in a mowing bill this week, and believes it may be the last for the year.
Mary will ask him if he would like to submit a quote for perimeter brush removal at Willow.
7. Sexton Agenda Requests:
Fence plan is needed. Perhaps time to have prices from vendors.
Lilies - McLachlin and Luce lots, the blue-flag lilies are quite overgrown. Penny requests help in cutting them back.
8. MS-9 Expenditures and Debits:
\$800 from CMTF paid to StandFast in January
9. Research original documents for Willis B. Phillips and Marion J. Evans
10. Signs for ends of rows:
Jayne put the order together, and will work on these over the winter at no charge except to be reimbursed for actual materials.
11. Plaque honoring Barbara:
The first one came out with imperfections, so is being re-done.
12. Other
Budget will need to be done soon.
13. Set date for Next Meeting:
No date set

To Do:

- Mary- Talk to George Dimick about brush at Willow Cemetery
Add a few template-type documents to cloud
- Jayne- Add Taylor private burial ground to cloud
Check *Eye on Water* account for updates. Kim will try to find out why it does not show up-to-date info.
Notify Bob DeSimone that he may purchase the lot next to his family
- Chris- Let Mary know of dates that work for the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned 11:30

Jayne O'Connor, Trustee
Franconia Cemeteries

Attached: copies of 2 letters which were sent to the 2 Willow Cemetery abutters

Cemetery Trustees
Town of Franconia
PO Box 900
Franconia, NH 03580

September 21, 2022

Franconia Inn and Outdoor Center
Linda and Thomas Ricciardelli
1172 Easton Road
Franconia, NH 03580

Dear Willow Cemetery Abutter: Linda and Thomas,

I write to you today as a cemetery trustee in the town of Franconia because your property (Tax Map 000025 Lot 000001) abuts the town-owned Willow Cemetery. You may have noticed that over the summer the cemetery trustees hired a local tree company to remove brush and dead and diseased trees within and along the perimeter of the cemetery. Wanting to prevent damage to stones, metalwork and all cemetery property, the trustees recently looked into liability aspects of trees on abutting property. This letter serves to make you aware that it is your duty to maintain your trees appropriately so they do not become a risk to the cemetery. Any of your trees with readily observable decay are your responsibility. We ask that you please walk your property line regularly to make note of any trees and branches of concern, and act as necessary to eliminate anything hazardous. You may, of course, walk in the cemetery. It is on public property, and the gate does operate so you may open and close that to pass through.

Thank you for considering the importance of this matter.

Please feel free to be in contact with us at any time.

Sincerely,

Mary Brubaker
Chair of Franconia Cemetery Trustees
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(603) 728 7440 cell

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Kathleen M. Nelson Revocable Trust
Christine Connolly, Trustee
34 Perry Road
North Falmouth, MA
02556-2105

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