

Cemetery 7/15/2022 Minutes - APPROVED

Franconia Cemetery Trustees

Location: The Town Hall, Main Street, Franconia NH

Meeting called to order at 9:12 by Chair Mary Brubaker.

Attendees: Mary Brubaker, Jayne O'Connor, Chris Collman. There were no members of the public

1. Review of Minutes of 6/3/22

Motion by Chris Collman to approve as written. Second by Mary Brubaker. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

2. Since last meeting:

- Penny arranged for the golf cart to have its first annual maintenance
- She put down a borax-based product in an area known to have fire ants. Fire ants and ticks have become an issue in the cremation area.
- The Trustees and Penny have been very pleased with George Dimmick's mowing. He took over as the landscaping vendor
- A seminar for Town trustees who work with cemeteries, trust funds, libraries, etc was held in July and attended on-line by Mary and Jayne. They found it very helpful. They found out that vaults are not mandatory for full burials, but may be required by the Trustees, and also that RSA 31:24 allows for Trustees to put money into the cemetery budget to cover expenses such as seminar attendance and office supplies used on behalf of the cemetery.
- Penny is probing the Town lot next to Mary & Frank DeSimone in order to determine whether it contains any remains, as Bob DeSimone would like to purchase it.

3. Burials Complete:

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

4. Lot Purchases:

Christine Conforti 3-9B-15 top
Beverly Hunt, double, 3-9A-9

5. Future Burials Scheduled:

Hunt/Ainsworth August 25
Cumbee interment in columbarium

6. Review Expenses to Date ("Transaction Detail by Account"): next meeting

7. Sexton Agenda Requests:

Penny asked if George Dimmick can be contracted to do special projects, or when Penny needs a second person to help with a project. The Trustees would prefer she arrange to have the Town employees assist her, acknowledging she will need to schedule them with Kim.

Penny requested that the trustees consider adding to the Info and Policies "sexton or trustee must be present for cutting of branches"

8. MS-9 Expenditures and Debits: Review at next meeting

9. Transactions/Budget

The budget is in line with last year and expected expenses for this year. There is still a transaction for \$1.68 that needs to be corrected.

10. Willow brush/tree work: in progress

Mary will contact the new owners at the Franconia Inn, and write them a letter detailing concerns about the large trees on their property that surrounds the Willow Cemetery.

11. Private Burial Grounds:

Jayne put a document in town vault

Mary needs to upload to cloud

12. Plaque and signs

Jayne has ordered a brass plaque to honor Barbara Holt, which will be placed on the shed. It is supposed to be here before Barbara's burial July 23. She also ordered some sign samples for marking the sections and rows. She will place them in the shed when they arrive, and notify the trustees so they can decide which they like.

13. Other:

Chris will pick up two single-hole fence posts so that the corner ones and four rails can be moved to the end of Row 12 near the Hamilton Ford lot. This is to keep vehicles from driving over the Ford lot. Penny has been clearing the brush in that area, which should allow vehicles to stay in the grass roadway. The single-hole posts will be used with a length of chain to close off the truck entrance except on days when there are full burials in that area

Next meeting Friday, September 9, 2022 at 9 am at the Town Hall. (No meeting in August.)

Meeting adjourned at 11:08

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne O'Connor, Trustee
Franconia Cemeteries