

Minutes of the April 11th, 2023 Cemetery Trustees Meeting

Held at the Meeting House. Present: John Goegel, Jan Cote, Sam Papps, Trustees; Kent Ruesswick, Sexton; Mark Stevens, Historian.

John Goegel opened the meeting at 9 am.

- 1) Minutes: Motion by John Goegel to accept the minutes of March 7th meeting with corrections from Mark Stevens, second by Jan Cote. No discussion; motion passed.
- 2) Kent Ruesswick, the Sexton, made a report that Kevin Fife has procured two granite posts for the Cemetery Trustees for a reasonable sum.
- 3) Mark Stevens, the Cemetery Historian, reported that he fielded a phone call for a potential burial at Maple Grove.
- 4) John Goegel, Veterans Coordinator, had no new business to report.
- 5) Jan Cote, Cemetery Keeper Coordinator, reviewed the list of changes in Cemetery Keepers from 2022. During the discussion, the Trustees decided that since Ken Stern has expressed an interest in the Bean Hill Cemetery, that Jan will contact him and inquire if he wishes to formally become the Keeper for this remote cemetery. Naomi Scanlon has expressed interest in caring for the Glines Cemetery on Northwest Road, and Kent Hatfield is assigned again to the Clough Cemetery on Center Road.
- 6) Sam Papps, Secretary and Treasurer, reported there was no spending, and the P/L Budget for the year had been sent out the day prior. There were no questions.
- 7) John Goegel reported that he, Jan and Mark had spent a day on March 27th cleaning up limbs from the oak trees and pine trees at Maple Grove that had come down in a spring storm. Brian Magoon had reported the year prior that the oak tree was healthy still, but the Trustees agreed the tree needs to be put onto the list of trees to be removed.
- 8) A. Plots for the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery will be laid out tomorrow (4/12) by Kent and John. There was a discussion regarding the proposed gate and Jeff Leidinger's involvement; Kent will follow up on this front. Dave Court is still in the wings to make and install a chain for the new barway. John Goegel had written to Don Cotnoir and Don replied he was ready for repair work at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery this year. The Trustees debated cleaning the stones (which is included in the quote) and there were differing opinions. There had been a letter sent to abutters Chris and Cynthia Slayton by John Goegel regarding several large pine trees on the stone wall at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery, and John had been received a reply from the Slaytons. They discussed the project and the property owners are cooperative, but wish to stay informed for the process. Brian Magoon will be contacted again by John. There are approximately six trees that need felling.
B. Mark Stevens reported that he had been in touch with Web Stout, who is still on board to do a survey of the Maple Grove Cemetery for the expansion project, and will follow up again.
- 9) New Business: The Canterbury Cemetery Association group met on March 24th and formally elected a slate of officers and board of directors. This project is now in the hands of Diane Modugno and Deb Allen, among others.
John Goegel brought up a project of a plaque commemorating George Shannon, a soldier in the Revolutionary War from Canterbury who had lived at the corner of Ayers and Borough Roads, and who was killed in action in 1775. To his knowledge, John did not believe that Shannon's body was returned home and this would be just a memorial. The group discussed details as to placement and it was decided John should have the new Canterbury Cemetery Association fund and present this project to the Trustees.

Mark Stevens asked about webpage details, as it seems there is no contact info for the Trustees or Sexton.

10) John Goegel stated that the next meeting will be held at the Meeting House on May 9th at 9 a.m.

John Goegel made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Jan Cote. Motion passed and the meeting was closed at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Papps, Secretary

Canterbury Cemetery Trustees