

Minutes from Canterbury Cemetery Trustees Work Session

Held at the Meeting House, Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Present were Jan Cote, John Goegel, Sam Papps, Kent Ruesswick and Mark Stevens.

Chairman Goegel opened the meeting at 9 a.m. He asked the group if they wished to discuss Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery or the Maple Grove Expansion, and it was decided that SMC would start. The group talked about if the regulations to be proposed would cover just SMC or all of Canterbury's cemeteries, and it was decided that resuming burials of cremated remains at the Center Cemetery in the Valley would be put aside for the time being. Access was discussed, and the idea of a bar way ("lower driveway") off Shell Meetinghouse Road was suggested. Would the funds given by Frank Tupper help defray the cost of a new driveway? Access to the gate at Hackleboro Road is too steep, and no equipment could get in there. Discussion also focused on if there needs to be restrictions on grading and planting grass.

Mark noted he was cautious about how "design" could be interpreted. The question of in-ground planting on lots around monuments was raised. John will retype the suggested regulations for Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery, and we will vote on them at our next meeting.

Kent recapped what had been done to-date on the Maple Grove Cemetery expansion. The question of the boundary of what the Town owns came up, and it should be resolved now rather than wait till later. Kevin Bragg is working with Kent to create a conceptual drawing of what the project will look like. It is looking to cost some \$75,000 for the clearing, site work, relocating the dirt pile out to the Baptist Hill Road side, and a new driveway on Baptist Hill Road. Action items would include: pushing back the tree line as far as possible to even out the existing lot; remove trees to maximize the space; access via a new driveway; make the dump pile behind the cemetery off BH Road. Kent had spoken to Brett Barton, Danny Ladd and Brian Magoon, and received one scope of work from Brett. It was also suggested a Mr. Rose may also have an enterprise that might submit a bid.

Currently, with the existing cleared space, there could be some 200 graves gleaned from the field. However, with the expansion project, that number could double to 400, additionally doubling our return monetarily for the Town. Mark noted that perhaps the project needs to have engineered plans made, to maximize on the bids received, and also to have a clear understanding for the Town of what we are getting into. Action item: start looking for an engineer.

There will be a March work session held Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at the Meeting House. Email will go out confirming from John. Work Session adjourned 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Papps, Secretary

Canterbury Cemetery Trustees

Approved at Trustees Meeting, April 12, 2022 s.p.