

## Canterbury Cemetery Trustees: Minutes of the June 21, 2022 Meeting

Held at the Meeting House, Canterbury Center. Present: John Goegel, Sam Papps, Jan Cote, Mark Stevens, Kent Ruesswick.

Guests in attendance were Diane Modugno and Deb Allen.

John Goegel, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Attendance was taken.

John Goegel made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Jan Cote seconded. No discussion. Vote taken, motion passed. The minutes were placed on file.

John invited Diane and Deb to speak on their project. They introduced the topic of cemetery tours, and covered the cemetery tours run in Portland, Maine that they attend every fall, and how the group "Spirits Alive" goes about it. It's historical but fun. Deb and Diane stressed they don't want too many people on the tours here. Jan asked where this would take place, and Diane responded it would happen in the Center. The Maple Grove was considered, but the graves in the Center are much older. Diane also mentioned the Portland group has a waiver that covers accidents that attendees sign off on. This is a potential fund raiser for preservation projects, and Diane has already started drumming up actors from town to participate. John Goegel asked how many, and Diane thinks that two ticket takers and six actors, and two "specters" guides to keep the group together. Discussion ensued; it was asked what the commitment level of the trustees needed to be, and Diane said she really just needed our blessing. She would organize it. The only foreseen cost could be costumes and advertising, but there could be sponsors to cover those costs. The Trustees asked for an update at the July meeting, and gave the project their blessing to go ahead.

For the Sexton's Report, it was noted that Sam ordered aluminum caps for laying out the lots at Shell Meetinghouse. Kent will cut the rebar, and cut a cross onto the caps to delineate the grave corners. The baseline has been set by Mark Stevens; now measuring out the lots needs to occur and setting the corner markers.

Mark Stevens reported the Memorial Day speech he gave on the Civil War monument will be printed in the next newsletter. The day went well, and the cemetery looked good. A card should be sent to the Road Crew thanking them for their work.

John Goegel reported that the flags were replaced in preparation for Memorial Day, by Doug Stone, and replacement flags were received to cover any holidays. We now have plenty of flags.

Jan Cote reported that Joann Copp was sent a note from Jan and John regarding the lilac saplings. No response was received. Naomi Scanlon said she would help clean up the Glines Cemetery at Tracey Ridge.

Under Old Business, the SMC Layout by Mark, Kent, John and Sam was done. Creating a baseline, now the individual lots need to be laid out. They will be 4'x10' each. Mark cut down some of the black birch trees at the corner of the cemetery. It only made the need to access down off a bar-way even more necessary given the amount of work it took to haul the remaining brush.

Jan made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by John. Vote passed.

The session ended at 10:40 a.m.

A woman from Belmont inquired with Sam regarding burial in Canterbury because we offered Green Burial as an option. The Trustees voted unanimously not to allow this because she is not a resident.

The Central NH Regional Planning Commission is working on a map of cemeteries in town as part of the Master Plan project with the Planning Board. Kent, Sam and Mark had looked it over and made suggestions regarding placement and what was considered a cemetery vs a memorial site (a moved cemetery, or a place where a memorial is set but no remains are interred). Kent also inquired if the commission could create a lot map of the SMC.

John Goegel closed the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

The next Trustees meeting will be Tuesday July 19th, 2022 at the Meeting House.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Secretary