

## Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees

Meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Meeting House, Canterbury Center

Present: John Goegel, Sam Papps, Mark Stevens, Kent Ruesswick.

Chairman Goegel opened the meeting at 9 a.m.

- 1) Minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.
- 2) Kent Ruesswick reported as Sexton that Paul Kruzel was the first burial at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. It was speculated there had been a hundred people in attendance.

Lisa Rousseau joined the meeting for an appointment with the Trustees. She explained her late mother, Helen Louise Colby, had spaces at the Maple Grove Cemetery (Lot C-21) and the family would not use them. Mark Stevens asked if she had checked with her relatives and she responded yes, that nobody wanted to be buried there with her grandparents. She also asked to remove the memorial marker for her brother Richard Mercier (who is not buried at the cemetery) and place it alongside a family friend's grave in Concord. After discussion, it was decided that the Trustees could accept back the unused two graves on the right hand side of Lot C-21, and Sam made a motion to receive back the two unused graves, seconded by John. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. Ms. Rousseau signed a statement affirming that she wished to return the two lots, and that she would take Richard Mercier's memorial marker to Concord. The Trustees thanked her for attending, and would meet her at the cemetery after the meeting. Ms. Rousseau left the meeting.

2 cont.: Kent noted that digging at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery was rough. Sam buried Bob Hufstader at the cemetery in the "Papps" lot. Leo Paradis and George Glines were buried at the cemetery as full bodies. Mark noted that traffic at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery was an issue and maybe next time it would help to have police to direct drivers.

- 3) Mark Stevens made a report as Historian that he was working on the Cemetery Walk with Deb and Diane, helping find people. He noted that Mary Jane Rogers Lavoie was surprised to hear that Stephen Rogers had a veteran's marker. There was a discussion regarding how to acquire an affordable headstone. Mark noted that Memorial Day went very well, and it was decided a thank you note would be extended to John O'Connor and the Road Crew, and Doug Stone from the Legion 31 Post. John Goegel will do this.
- 4) John reported for Veterans Affairs that the flags were put out at the cemeteries by the Legion 31 Post of Penacook for Memorial Day. 182 veterans were recognized to-date. He added Robert Hufstader, John Laplante, Paul Kruzel and Stephen Rogers to the list.
- 5) Jan Cote could not attend the meeting due to a family funeral, so there was no Keepers report.
- 6) The Election of Officers was tabled until the next meeting.
- 7) The Trustees signed deeds for the following lots: Shell Meetinghouse / Kruzel, Goegel, Balshaw, Leidinger; Maple Grove / Dudley. Sam noted that the Right of Interment agreement for Roger Comee would be brought up and signed at the next meeting.

- 8) Signage and street numbers for the Maple Grove and Shell Meetinghouse were discussed. John Goegel will get quotes for signs similar to the present sign at Maple Grove. Sam will call Dave Nelson to see about street numbers for the two cemeteries.
- 9) Under old business, it was noted that there were four plots just sold at SMC. The gate project with Jeff Leidinger is ongoing. Having a chain done by Dave Court hasn't been brought up again, but there are limited funds in the budget as it is. The headstone work at SMC is underway; Knowles monument has been resurrected, and the Currier monument is underway. Sam will get John Goegel Jane Balshaw's email so they can discuss cleaning and righting the stone for the Balshaw's relative. Tree removal at the cemetery will be done June 19<sup>th</sup> to remove at least two large pines. John needs to follow up with Brian regarding the other three trees that there are funds for. The Slaytons, who own the property, are fine with the trees coming down. There will have to be a discussion at some point regarding the oak trees at Maple Grove Cemetery in the west section because they need some work.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Meeting House at 9 a.m. Topics of discussion will include the annual Cemetery Inspections; the Comee right of interment document; signing deeds?; and map updating, among other business.

John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sam. Motion carried, and the meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Trustee