

## Minutes from Canterbury Cemetery Trustees Work Session

Held at the Meeting House, Tuesday, March 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 congratulated Kent Ruesswick, the Sexton of Canterbury, on his election as a selectman the week prior. The minutes sent out from the February 15, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Goegel made the ruling that in reference to the cemetery, "Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery" would be the correct title, and Sam will change "'moving" to "relocating" the dirt pile in the third paragraph. These minutes will be voted upon at the first Trustees' Meeting of the year.

The addendum to the present Cemetery Bylaws and Regulations, specific to the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery, were reviewed by those present. Mark Stevens noted there needs to be two public hearings: one to open the discussion, and invite community response, and then one to review the response, and close the hearing. The Trustees agreed that the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting will be posted as the first hearing for resuming burials at SMC, and the May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting will be posted as the second (closing) hearing for the cemetery rules for SMC.

There was a discussion concerning the need of the bar-way at the cemetery, and it was noted that access is an issue and to get any equipment to maintain the cemetery, or especially to set headstones, that a driveway was necessary. (It should be noted that the lilies planted to the right of the present SMC gate, were from the Currier Farm on Shell Meetinghouse Road, and that they were transplanted by Kate Goegel because Mr. and Mrs. Currier are interred in the cemetery.) Mark agreed that access is important. Kent will contact the road crew and see if they can assist with the work, and will ask Kevin Fife for an estimate on stacking the wall in a suitable manner by the new driveway. Charlie Beede, it is promised, will be working at SMC this summer to straighten headstones. John Goegel will talk with Jeff Leidinger and find out about the gate that was promised for the original entrance. **Action Item:** John Goegel will work on developing a map, showing the existing interments, and also help plot out where the new area and graves will be.

The Maple Grove expansion was discussed. Mark Stevens will be meeting with an engineer (GM2) this week and see if they are able to help us. A quote would be helpful to know where we should be going. Raising the price for lots would be beneficial, and will be discussed at the April meeting and hearing. **Action Items:** Sam will draft a letter to families of internees from 2021, reminding them of the bylaws and the request monuments be approved by the Trustees or Sexton prior to purchase or placement. John Goegel will create a posting for the April Meeting and Hearing. Jan will get out a note out to the Keepers, to see who is interested for the 2022 season. Kent Hatfield of Cogswell Hill Road was interested in resuming work on the Clough Cemetery.

There will be an April Trustee's Meeting and Public Hearing held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the Meeting House. Email will go out confirming from John. The May Trustees Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 9 a.m. Work Session adjourned 10:25 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Samuel Papps, Secretary  
Canterbury Cemetery Trustees