

Minutes of the March 7th, 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 November 15th and December 13th meetings with corrections from Mark Stevens, second by Jan Cote. No discussion; motion passed.
- 2) Kent Ruesswick, the Sexton, made a report that he had interred Steve Rogers in Ambeau/Rogers lot at Maple Grove three weeks prior. Kevin Fife is lined up to do the wall opening at Baptist Hill Rd new entrance; Kent will speak with Road Agent John O'Connor.
- 3) Mark Stevens, the Cemetery Historian, had no new business to report.
- 4) John Goegel, Veterans Coordinator, had no new business to report.
- 5) Jan Cote, Cemetery Keeper Coordinator, had no new business to report.
- 6) Sam Papps, Secretary and Treasurer, reported there was no spending. The proposed 2023 Budget for the Cemeteries was reviewed from the Annual Town Report.
- 7) Sam wrote the warrant article for the 2023 Annual Town Warrant, requesting \$15,000 for the expansion project at Maple Grove. The group read the text, and John will be speaking to it at Town Meeting.
- 8) Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery plots will be laid out as soon as the weather is nice. There was a discussion regarding the proposed gate and Jeff Leidinger's involvement. Dave Court is still ready to make and install a chain. Sam made a motion to ask Jeff Leidinger to design a gate, and bring back specifications and a design to the Trustees, seconded by John Goegel. Motion passed. There was a discussion regarding headstone repair and Don Cotnoir's involvement. The Trustees will contact him after the 2023 budget passes to contract his services formally. There was a discussion regarding several large pine trees on abutting property to the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery, on land owned by Chris and Cynthia Slayton. Brian Magoon had given a quote to the Trustees to fell them. John will contact the Slayton's to inquire about the possibility of this project.
- 9) New Business: For the Canterbury Cemetery Association 501c3 status, Jim Valz filed the IRS Application. Should take 8-12 weeks. The bylaws have been prepared, and the State filing has been completed. It was agreed it was time to get the group of volunteers together to pass it over to them. John will write a thank you note to Jim from the group.
- 10) Discussion on the expansion will wait until after Town Meeting in a few days.
- 11) The guidelines discussed at the February work session were brought up again.

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