

Canterbury Cemetery Trustees

Minutes from November 17, 2021 meeting, Meeting House

Chairman Goegel opened the meeting at 11 a.m., and roll was taken. Present were Jan Cote, Sam Papps, John Goegel, Kent Ruesswick, and Mark Stevens.

Jan made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by John. Sam said he'd make the changes and get minutes out to everyone. Vote was held and motion passed.

John thanked Mark for his collection of "Secondary Cemeteries" listing, which Mark had sent us. We should continue to work on this. Mark also needs data for town report.

Kent reported on the Expansion Project that Kevin Bragg had made a map of the area and he is working on it to finish it. It was pointed out that we will need a public hearing for the project as part of the warrant article process. The question arose if we needed other bids or not, perhaps from other loggers in surrounding towns. Chuck Rose was suggested. Kent will get the drawing from Kevin and talk with Brett Barton again. He will get back to us. Mark asked if we need to push this project off a year, and Sam commented that would give us more time to sell the last few lots left in Section F.

Pre-Winter Cleanup is scheduled for today November 17, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. We will meet at the cemetery.

The budget for 2022 has been submitted with a \$500 increase in tree work and \$500 increase in labor. There was a discussion concerning the mowing budget and how it gets spent.

Sam reported that the Cemify database is being worked on and he had imported all the data from excel sheets into the system. He has Diane Modugno working on "ground truthing" Section B (middle section) and Jan will do Section E where her folks are. There was a discussion about lastwalk.org, and Sam will work on following up with Katie McKay and Phil Ainsworth to work on finishing up the file maker project from two summers ago.

Tree Removal and Headstone Budgets were discussed, and it was decided that \$1,500 needed to be spent at the Maple Grove to remove several ash trees and clean up the bank behind the Fifields and Bowlers. The ash trees at the Ham cemetery on Shaker Road below Emerson's also need to be taken down. Brian will be working Monday November 29th. He will also look at the red oak at Hancock cemetery.

For the 2022 Budget, it was discussed to spend the headstone repairs line at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery as it needs the most work. Charlie Beede has been contacted.

Sam brought up suggested monument requirements as part of a visual hand out based on Concord's sheet they give customers. There was a discussion on monument requirements or having no requirements. John made a motion to table the discussion. Jan seconded. No discussion; motion carries. Sam then asked that we adopt the cart without restrictions, as a visual for our customers. Prices were discussed and John didn't see the need to raise prices. 4' x 4' cremation lots and 4' x 10' graves were discussed. Mark noted that regardless of prices, the

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Town has an obligation to inter indigent people. Kent suggested that we up the prices to make money for the town. The conclusion was a price increase will be included with the expansion and Sam will send the visual via email for approval before publication.

John and Kent brought up having a representative from the Board of Selectmen sit on the board of Cemetery Trustees. Discussion ensued on when it was necessary and would they have a vote on the board. It was decided that it would be on an as-needed basis, and the Trustees should invite a representative to meetings, and they should attend Selectboard meetings more often to check in. Kent pointed out all invoices for the year needed to be submitted by December 10th.

On November 11, 2021 Sam and Kent went to the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery to look at perspective areas for cremation burial lots, based on where full body burials are supposed to not be. John also saw these sites and made suggestions. Kent suggested a driveway into the cemetery off Shell Meetinghouse Road. The discussion also included if Shell Meetinghouse was an open cemetery still, and if we should allow cremation burials at the Center Cemetery. The conclusion was the Trustees will resume cremation burials at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery on Baptist Hill Road and they will explore the possibilities of additional rules and regulations and a public hearing. This discussion will be resumed at a future meeting and Kent is not authorized to start selling lots yet.

With no new business, John reminded everyone to be at the Maple Grove for 1:30 and made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sam. Motion carries. Meeting closed at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Papps, Secretary