

November 14th, 2023 Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees Meeting

Held at the Meeting House, Canterbury Center

Present were John Goegel, Jan Cote, Sam Papps

John Goegel, Chairman, opened the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

With Deb Allen and Diane Modugno present, the Trustees skipped to item 7 on the agenda.

7) Diane and Deb reported that the Canterbury Tales walk went well. Ticket sales were healthy, and there were 26 volunteers to help the production. They held a volunteer dinner at the Canterbury Country Store, and the food was excellent. There were 150 people on the tours this year, 73 up from the 77 they had last year, and 17 people attended the matinee performance in the Town Hall. There will be a video recording of the walk donated to the Historical Society for posterity. They are getting together with Mark Stevens and start preparing for next year.

From the Cemetery Association side, the Trustees submitted a bill to the Canterbury Cemetery Association for Jeremiah Pickard's headstone repair at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. Diane noted that the single metal gate on the Center lawn into the Center Cemetery needs some work. The trustees reviewed the ledger sheet for the CCA with Deb and Diane. The trustees thanked Deb and Diane for attending.

- 1) Motion to accept the minutes from the October 10th, 2023 meeting was made by Jan Cote, seconded by John Goegel. No further discussion; motion passed.
- 2) Kent Ruesswick was not present, so there was no sexton's report.
- 3) Mark Stevens was not present, so there was no historian's report.
- 4) John reported for Veterans' Affairs, that he is continuing research in how to recognize the service of National Guard and other service members with an American flag, like a Veteran is currently.
- 5) Jan reported for the Keepers that she had heard from Mark and Brenda Travis re. their cemeteries. Jan and John had gone up to the Ham Cemetery on Shaker Road and helped trim things up.
- 6) Sam read his notes he had sent to Mark Stevens for the Trustee's annual report. We need to add:
 - a. Thanking the town for the money from 2023 Town Meeting.
 - b. That a water tank will be placed in Maple Grove for the 2024 season.
- 7) Was discussed earlier.
- 8) Old Business, Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery was discussed regarding the Pickard headstone repair. It was noted that the sign post needs to be finished. Sam noted he had met with Brian Magoon and Brett Barton regarding the clearing project and hopes to have numbers in soon.
- 9) Under New Business, John discussed headstone repair costs with Don Cotnoir at the Mathes, Hancock and Maple Grove Cemeteries. A quote was received from Mr. Cotnoir regarding several headstones for 2024.

Sam made a motion that John Goegel pursue the feasibility of acquiring ½ of land on the north bound of Maple Grove Cemetery from the abutter, and seek information from the property authorities to achieve this objective, seconded by Jan. Discussion involved the steps to do this, and that this will be cheaper than acquiring more land at a later date at a different site. Motion passed.

The Trustees thanked Jan for being in charge of the clean up this year.

Sam will approach a resident about potentially redrawing new maps for Maple Grove.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Goegel, seconded by Sam Papps. Motion passed; meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m.

December 12, 2023 Trustees Meeting will be a work session on the maps if needed. January 16th 2024 will be the next Trustees Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Secretary
Canterbury Cemetery Trustees