

October 10th, 2023 Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees Meeting

Held at the Meeting House, Canterbury Center

Present were John Goegel, Jan Cote, Sam Papps, Kent Ruesswick

John Goegel, Chairman, opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

- 1) Minutes from the September 12th, 2023 meeting had a motion to accept by Sam Papps, seconded by Kent Ruesswick. Sam Papps made comments to amend the minutes. No further discussion; motion to accept the amended minutes was passed.
- 2) Kent Ruesswick reported as the Sexton that flat markers for Sandy Scripture, Phil Stone, Roy Hutchinson have been set at the Maple Grove. There was a discussion regarding setting the post for the sign at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery, and it was agreed that Kent would be reimbursed for the cost of the post materials. Lance Messinger had agreed with Kent on the site for his grave at the Maple Grove, near Mike and Geraldine Donahue. John Goegel made a note that his flat markers had been installed on his lot at SMC. He also noted that he had met with Shirley Clifford and set the marker for the Lawrence infants.
- 3) Mark Stevens was not present for the meeting.
- 4) John reported for Veterans' Affairs, making a motion that the Cemetery Trustees recognize the service of National Guard and other service members with an American flag, like a Veteran is currently. Motion seconded by Jan; Sam asked to table the motion until further criteria was collected and presented. Discussion ensued; motion was tabled.
- 5) Jan reported that two cemetery tours were made on Friday 9/6 and Monday 9/9, and some 20+ cemeteries were covered. Kent went to the Ingalls grave on Cogswell Hill Road to check on it. Outlying cemeteries will be done next year on a rotation. Cemetery care was discussed.
- 6) It was reminded that November 1st is the deadline for fall cleanup of lot owners at Maple Grove. John will get it out in the Church Newsletter, the Town Email and Sam and Jan will put up fliers on Sam Lake and the Store respectively. John will also work with Jeff Leidinger re. the sign posts at SMC.
- 7) Work Sessions and Meetings:
 - a. Fri. Oct. 20th at 9 am, Meeting House: Budget Work session
 - b. Tues. Nov. 14th at 9 am, Meeting House: Trustees' Meeting
 - c. Tues. Dec. 12th at 9 am, Meeting House: Maps Work session
- 8) Old Business, Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery was discussed. Kent will talk to Dave Court re. a chain for the barway so we can plan it into our budget for FY2024. Don Cotnoir needs to finish one stone at SMC and will give the Trustees a number for the other repair work for the FY24 budget. John made a motion, seconded by Sam, that the abbreviation for Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery be SMC; no discussion, motion passed unanimously. The Expansion at Maple Grove project was discussed by the Trustees, and Kent will contact Kevin Fife to see about coordinating opening a barway at Maple Grove with John O'Connor, the Highway Agent. The preliminary plan of the topography was received from the surveyor by the Trustees, and it was briefly discussed.

- 9) Under New Business, John will discuss headstone repair costs with Don Cotnoir as mentioned above. Sam suggested text for a sign at Maple Grove Cemetery, but it was tabled until the November Trustees Meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Goegel, seconded by Sam Papps. Motion passed; meeting adjourned 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Secretary
Canterbury Cemetery Trustees