

Canterbury Cemetery Trustee

FINAL Minutes

August 1, 2018

Present: Hugh Fifield, Chairman; John Goegel, Trustee; Mark Stevens, Trustee; Kent Ruesswick, Sexton

Chairman Fifield noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:04. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the 24 May 2018 meeting. Motion was made by John Goegel and 2nd by Hugh Fifield to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

The Trustees welcomed new (returning) member Mark Stevens who was sworn in on July 24th to serve out the remainder of Kent Ruesswick's term. Kent resigned as Trustee after 9 years of service to accept the position of Cemetery Sexton recently vacated by the resignation of Hugh Fifield on May 24th. Hugh resigned as Sexton after holding the position for some 47 years. Hugh agreed to stay on as a Trustee. The Trustees recognized and thanked Hugh for his many years as Sexton, Kent for his years as Trustee and for accepting the Sexton position, and Mark for filling the Trustee vacancy that was created.

New duties were assigned as follows: Hugh would remain as Chairman. Mark would assume Secretary & Bookkeeping responsibilities and genealogical or historical research requests. John would be responsible for overseeing the voluntary cemetery keepers and for veteran burial affairs. Kent would continue with the responsibility for keeping burial records and data base entry.

The Trustees discussed the request by Gordon Jackson for access to cemetery records for a town history project and agreed to support and assist him with this project.

Trustees reviewed a research document provided by a member of the general public pertaining to Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. John Goegel will verify the accuracy of the submitted information and if adequate incorporate the information into the Lastwalk.org database.

Kent brought the Trustees up to date on a recent burial request by the Hallyburton/Samaha family for an interment at Maple Grove Cemetery in October.

A general discussion of several on-going maintenance tasks or projected future need items including: backhoe availability options, tree removal or pruning, repair or straightening of broken or falling headstone, mowing of cemeteries by summer help, status of cemeteries maintained by volunteers, etc., was held, but no final decisions were made. Kent was tasked with looking into prices and options for some of these items and reporting back to the group.

A tentative date for the first Wednesday in October (Oct 2nd) was proposed for the next meeting. There being no further business before the Trustees, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:31 by Hugh, seconded by John, and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark C. Stevens,
Secretary