

Minutes of the December 13, 2022 Meeting of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees

Held at 9 a.m. at the Meeting House, Canterbury Center

Present: John Goegel, Jan Cote, Sam Papps (trustees); Mark Stevens, Historian; Kent Ruesswick, Sexton. Guests: Dale Caswell and Gordon Jackson

John Goegel, chairman, called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

The minutes from the November 15th 2022 meeting were tabled by unanimous vote of the trustees. They will be reviewed at the next Trustee's meeting.

Dale and Gordon were invited to explain their project of recording Canterbury's cemeteries. The work they are producing is very thorough, and besides examining the cemeteries in situ, they are drawing upon the work of the Canterbury Historical Society's earlier cemetery survey, and work held at the State Library from the WPA in the 1930's. These recordings include maps, pictures, and information about the individual buried there. They reported that five cemeteries have been done to date including Bean Hill, Mathes, Pickard Road East and West. This is a long-term project for them. Gordon and Dale also discussed their intention to step down from the Center Cemetery maintenance project. Jan Cote thanked them for their hard work, on behalf of the Trustees. Dale and Gordon left.

The Sexton Kent Ruesswick reported 7 burials at the Maple Grove for the 2022 calendar year. SMC on Baptist Hill has a new barway. A letter had been sent to MG abutter Chris West regarding infringement on the Cemetery's property, and its hoped that progress will be evident on that front. The Trustees had a discussion regarding the cleaning of headstones for folks.

The Historian's Report was regarding the 2022 Town Report, which had been covered in discussion previously.

The Veteran Affairs Coordinator Mr. Goegel did not have anything report.

The Cemetery Keeper Program Coordinator Mrs. Cote did not have anything to report.

Sam had sent out a finance report the previous week, reporting the amount of monies spent that year.

Under Old Business, the Red Oak at the Hancock Cemetery was removed by Chip Johnson's crew the prior Friday, and he was paid for that work. Plots at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery are ongoing. It was agreed that Dave Court and his chain and gate project be put off till the spring. David Lamb and his wife, Janet, have expressed interest in being interred at the SMC.

Jan Cote discussed the idea of a 501c3 with the committee. Rick Zeller and Kate Goegel have agreed to lend a hand for the running of the non-profit. Jim Valz of Hackleboro Road has agreed to fill out the IRS 1023EZ for us. John Goegel will apply for a tax id number. Diane Modugno will work on the bylaws. It will take \$275 to file the form. The organization needs a name. Canterbury Cemeteries Association was suggested.

John Goegel reported he met with Don Cotnoir of New Hampshire Monuments at the SMC. Mark Stevens joined them and their first impression was that they liked him and thought he would do good work. Sam Papps made a motion to contract NH Monuments to do \$4,000 of work from the 2023 budget; Jan Cote seconded. The motion passed. John will set it up for the spring.

Sam Papps agreed to write the warrant article for Town Meeting for \$15,000 for survey work. Will send it out for committee to review.

It was agreed to meet February 14th 2023 at 9 a.m. for a work session and March 7th 2023 at 9 a.m. for a regular Trustee meeting.

John made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Sam. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 10:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Secretary – Canterbury Cemetery Trustees