

Minutes of the November 15th, 2022 Cemetery Trustees Meeting

Held at the Meeting House. Present: John Goegel, Jan Cote, Sam Papps, Trustees; Kent Ruesswick, Sexton; Mark Stevens, Historian. Guests: Diane Modugno and Deb Allen.

John Goegel opened the meeting at 9 am.

- 1) Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes by John Goegel, second by Jan Cote. Discussion was had about Ayers vs. Ames Cemetery, and it was chosen to accept them as presented. Passed.
- 2) Diane and Deb reported the Cemetery Walk was a success. 18 volunteers, and 77 guests went through. Copy of the show was made for the Historical Society archives. Most of the attendees were Town residents. They thanked Mark Stevens for his help with the production, and reported positive feedback overall. It was noted that more spectres would be necessary for the next year, and that crossing Center Road was a challenge. John thanked them for coming.
- 3) Kent reported as Selectman that the land transaction behind the Cemetery from Hannon would need to come before Town meeting in March. He reported one cremation lot was sold to Ginger and John Laplante. The barway at SMC is nice; the leaves are picked up at the Maple Grove.
- 4) Mark reported as historian that Web Stout says the cemetery on Ken Stern's property is documented in deeds. We need to follow up on this. The Kruzels approached Mark Stevens while cleaning up trees at SMC and are interested in a lot there. He recommends a chain or gate for the new barway there. The Cemetery Trustees in Chichester use a man from Pittsfield for repairing and straightening headstones, Don Cotnoir; we should contact him. Mark needs facts and figures for the Town Report.
- 5) Nothing to report for Veterans.
- 6) Cemetery Keeper Coordinator Jan Cote noted Naomi Scanlon has been appointed keeper at the Glines Cemetery at Northwest Road. Sumner Dole has received word from us that he can straighten the stone at Ames cemetery. Geoff Souther asked about the flags being kept up, and the consensus was it is difficult to identify the graves without them, so they remain there all through the winter.
- 7) A. Clough Gate has been installed and the wall has had minor repair. The Trustees signed a voucher to reimburse the Town for the gate, raised through donated funds.
B. Magoon has removed trees this year at MG and SMC; Chip Johnson will remove one leaning tree at Hancock.
C. Resumption of Burials at SMC: Barway is completed, gate and chain in 2023 will be ordered. The Trustees decided 4'x8' for the graves and the cost will be \$400 each.
Jan Cote made a motion to enter Executive Session, seconded by Sam. No discussion. Passed; entered at 10:05 a.m.
John Goegel made a motion to end the Executive Session at 10:20 a.m., seconded by Jan Cote. Passed.
D. John Goegel stated a 501C3 should be formed, and the form fees could be derived from the Historical Society money from the Cemetery Walk. Kent will talk to Bob Scarponi about how to transfer the funds.
- 8) A. Concerning Game Cameras for the cemetery, John Goegel had brought specs to a former meeting. Sam Papps made a motion to table the discussion. John Goegel seconded; no discussion. Passed.
B. Ted West had discussed burials on private property, and the Trustees wonder if they should put together some guidelines for residents of pertinent laws. It was decided to discuss this in depth at the next meeting.

C. Cemetery Recording with Dale Caswell and Gordon Jackson . John Goegel met with Dale and Gordon, who have completed four cemeteries. An invitation will be extended for them to join our next meeting and speak to the group about the project. Sam has a meeting on Friday the 18th with Katie McKay to discuss the LastWalk.org website.

D. Headstone Repair; John has contact Don Cotnoir to see about some pricing for headstone repair. He and Mark will meet with him and the trustees.

E. Jan Cote asked for a monthly treasurer's report to be brought to the meetings.

Sam Papps made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m., John Goegel seconded it. Passed. Meeting closed at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Papps, Secretary

Canterbury Cemetery Trustees