

Canterbury Cemetery Trustees: Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Meeting

Held at the Meeting House, Canterbury Center. Present: John Goegel, Sam Papps, Jan Cote, Mark Stevens, Kent Ruesswick.

John Goegel, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Attendance was taken.

John Goegel made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting. Sam seconded.

Discussion: Mark Stevens provided changes to the minutes.

John Goegel made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Jan Cote seconded. Vote taken, motion passed. The amended minutes were placed on file.

There were no minutes for the May 6, 2022 work session.

Ms. Teresa Wyman joined the meeting.

Sam made a motion to resume the public hearing pursuant to opening the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery and raising interment lot cost. John seconded.

A recap of the first hearing, on April 12, 2022, was given by Chairman Goegel. The outcome, with several members of the public in attendance, was favorable. When other public input was requested, Teresa Wyman noted she thinks the idea of resuming burials at SMC is marvelous. No written testimony was received. Having heard no further public input, John Goegel made a motion to adopt the addendum with rules for Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery, as part of the Rules and Regulations of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees, as presented on April 12, 2022. Sam seconded this motion. No discussion; vote taken and motion passed unanimously.

Sam will add the text to the bylaws document and get copies posted and to Kent.

John will prepare a map to outline the new spaces available. Kent suggested surveyors caps be used, and Mark Stevens concurred. The Trustees will meet with Kent and Mark at the cemetery June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am to start laying out lots.

The second part of the hearing was to discuss increasing interment fees for graves sold. The current fees are:

\$300 for a 4' x 10' full casket grave; \$200 for a 4' x 4' cremation grave, to hold four urns.

John Goegel suggested that the 4' x 10' lot be increased to \$450 a grave, and the cremation cost remain the same (\$200). Discussion regarding the new section ensued.

John Goegel made a motion to adopt the following prices for graves in Canterbury:

\$450 for a 4' x 10' full casket lot (all cemeteries).

\$225 for a 4' x 5' (1/2 lot) cremation lot (in the new Maple Grove section.

\$200 for a 4' x 4' cremation lot in the "valley" (old cremation section, under the oaks).

Sam Papps seconded this motion. No discussion; motion passed unanimously.

Final minutes accepted 6/21/22 s.p.

John made a motion to close the public hearing and resume the regularly scheduled meeting. Sam seconded. No discussion; motion passes.

Sexton's Report: Kevin Fife has no time at present to give an estimate. No work done at SMC yet. Also have Kevin to open the barway on Baptist Hill Road where the new driveway is proposed. Kent also heard from Cheryl Hannon regarding the lot line adjustment, and they are interested. Regarding a value, we will need to work on this. Mark said it was a third of an acre approximately. Kent would like to see the gate post on the driveway restored (presently it is laying in pieces on the ground). George Fife was buried at Maple Grove last Saturday. Kent asked the Trustees permission for raising "grading" the Ruesswick, Papps and Meeh cemetery lots in section B, where they presently are in a "depression" while the surrounding lots are already raised and graded. The Trustees okayed this project. Fred Phillips, Ken William's father-in-law, has a monument on his lot that is tipping and Ken will get Perry Brothers to come out and look at it. Kent reset Kathy Rice's corner markers, and set the Cote corner markers. Perry Brothers have yet to set the Mudge and Fifield markers.

Historian's Report: Fred Brewster contacted Mark from the CHS Sign Committee. Discussion ensued regarding signs.

Veterans' Affairs: John reported flags will be out for Memorial Day. Clifford Hirtle and Douglas Boyd had two flat stones set for them on May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 from Butt's Funeral Home in Penacook.

Keeper's Report: Jan sent out the questionnaire to Kent Hatfield and did not hear back.

Old Business: Spring Clean up, John spoke to Big John and he anticipates it to be mowed Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day. John will publish a message regarding "no mow May" concept so residents know the road crew is short staffed and trying to keep up. Removal of items from the Fall Pick Up will occur at 4:00 pm May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Sam made a motion to move up New Business so Teresa Wyman can speak. Jan seconded. No discussion; motion passes.

Teresa Wyman, whose family owns two lots at the Maple Grove Cemetery, a 21' x 21' and a 10' x 21', wondered about swapping lots for space in the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. The Trustees pointed out she would need to have her brother, Jim Wyman, who also is an heir, to be on board with this too. Once this is done, the Trustees will be happy to discuss the matter further.

Jan was put in charge of deciding what kind of plant to plant at the Wilder lot at Maple Grove. Will report at the next meeting her thoughts.

Joy Heitz, a resident of Belmont, called inquiring about a green burial lot. The Trustees discussed this and decided to deny the request, because she is not a resident and has no ties to town.

The expansion project was discussed at length. The Trustees will be going before the Selectmen on June 6<sup>th</sup> to start discussing the project. Mark has an appointment to see TF Moran next week. It will include a cost for the lot line relocation. Web Stout is also interested in helping, Mark will

contact Web and Allan Moody who has spoken to Jan Cote about the project. The preliminary will be ready for Selectmen on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

The next Trustees meeting will be Tuesday June 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Secretary