

Minutes of the Canterbury Cemetery Trustees

Meeting of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Meeting House, Canterbury Center

Present: John Goegel, Jan Cote, Sam Papps, Mark Stevens, Kent Ruesswick.

Chairman John Goegel opened the meeting at 9 a.m.

- 1) The minutes were reviewed from the April 2023 meeting. John Goegel made a motion to accept minutes as corrected, seconded by Jan Cote. Vote was taken, and motion passed.
- 2) Kent Ruesswick reported as Sexton that pins had been driven for the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery lots. He had spoken with Jeff Leidinger regarding a gate there. Both the Leidingers and Kruzels are interested in a lot at the cemetery. No burials this year yet.
- 3) Mark Stevens reported as Historian that he was working with Diane Modugno and Deb Allen on their cemetery tour. Mark said he was co-chair of the Memorial Day observations, and asked that the cemeteries be mowed and brought up to par for the day, and that flags be placed by the Penacook Legion. It was reported that Bodie Gendron would be returning this summer to mow.
- 4) John reported for Veterans Affairs that Sam was working on applying for a veteran's marker for Stephen Rogers, who had been buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery this spring. Mark said he would follow up with Mary Jane Rogers Lavoie to see if she had any information regarding Rogers' service.
- 5) Jan Cote reported for Cemetery Keepers Coordinator that two emails had been returned in her spring newsletter as non-deliverable. She had spoken with Ken Stern and he was now officially the Keeper of the Bean Hill Road cemetery. Naomi Scanlon has expressed interest in the Glines Cemetery on Northwest Road, and Jan will follow up regarding that.
- 6) Sam presented the treasurer's report, stating there was no change. Kent noted that Diane Modugno requested the \$400 given by Frank Tupper for the Cemetery Association, but it had been spent on applying for the 501C3 status with state filings and filing with the IRS.
- 7) Sam and John had attended the May 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Selectboard, to discuss splitting the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery plot cost with the Cemetery Association, and it was agreed \$300 would be kept for projects at the cemetery by the CCA and \$100 would be returned to the Town to offset the Cemetery Trustees' annual budget.
- 8) John Goegel made a request to the Trustees for a memorial for Revolutionary War veteran George Shannon, who lived at the corner of Borough and Ayers Road in 1775. Jan stated she supports the project. Many questions arose from this request, and Sam made a motion to request further information be gathered by Mr. Goegel to state the placement, material of the memorial.
- 9) Under old business, the chain for the Shell Meetinghouse bar way is still in process. Don Coitnoir's headstone repairs have not yet started. A discussion regarding the tree removal quotes was had and John will meet with Bartlett Tree and Chip Johnson. It will be discussed at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. No changes on the Maple Grove project and will discuss in the June meeting. John finished the burial on private property guidelines and Sam asked for several small changes. It should go on the Town's website.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, at the Meeting House at 9 a.m.

John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Sam. Motion carried, and the meeting ended at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Papps, Trustee