

Canterbury Cemetery Trustees
10 October 2018

In attendance were: Hugh Fifield, Chairman; John Goegel, Trustee; Mark Stevens, Trustee; Kent Ruesswick, Sexton. The meeting was held at the home of Hugh Fifield on Pickard Road. Chairman Fifield noted that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Trustee John Goegel was then asked to serve as Parliamentarian and direct the meeting. John agreed to do so.

1. The first order of business was the acceptance of the minutes of the 1 August 2018 meeting. Hugh moved approval of the minutes as presented, John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Kent Ruesswick, Sexton, reported on the status of recent internments. Ella Mae Cochrane was interred on 2 October 2018 at Maple Grove. Thomas Hallyburton will be interred at Maple Grove at noon on 13 October 2018.
3. Mark Stevens, Historian, reported that he had met with Mrs. Bonnye Feiock from Indiana who is looking for the burial site of an ancestor named Ralph Streeter. Streeter died in 1877 and Mrs. Feiock believes he is buried in Canterbury, but Mark has been unable to find any record of it. John agreed to look through his veteran's records and also to contact the volunteer cemetery keepers to see if anyone knows of a Ralph Streeter headstone.
4. John Goegel, Veterans Affairs Officer, reported that he had received a letter from an heir of Orville Fife advising that Fife had served in WWI not WWII, but had a WWII flag holder at his gravesite. Trustees agreed to remove the WWII indicator, but leave a veteran's flag.
5. John Goegel, Cemetery Keepers Coordinator, reported that (a) a tree at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery should be evaluated and scheduled for removal. Mark agreed to take a look at in the near future. (b) a dead and downed tree at the Ham Cemetery was recently cut up and removed by Kent and John. (c) Joshua Gordon (keeper of the Cogswell Cemetery), with permission from the Beulah Fellowship (an abutting landowner), cleared the accumulating brush a few feet from the outside of the cemetery's outside walls.
6. Trustees held a preliminary discussion about the proposed budget for 2019 and concluded that the budget expense for mowing should be increased by \$500 for 2019 to adjust for increased fuel and labor costs. This will make the proposed total budget \$8500 for 2019. Additional follow will be required when we receive and total the actual expenses from 2018 that are not yet available.
7. Kent reported on the status of the database and the need to update the software license as well as continue to input new and corrected information. Kent will contact Jeremy Slayton to determine the on-going status.

8. Mark requested that Trustees and Sexton provide him with any items and information for inclusion into annual report which he will need to start preparing soon.
9. Mark indicated that his term will be up next March and at this time he cannot commit to running for another term.
10. Kent, reported that he had met with Gordon Jackson to get an update on the status of Gordon's historical project inventorying town cemeteries. Gordon had indicated that he was planning to start with the Mathes Cemetery on Hackleboro Road.
11. Mark advised that he had noticed that the town's website home page had some outdated contact information for Cemetery Trustees and Sexton. Phone numbers and titles, etc., are not up to date. Kent indicated that he would speak to Ken Folsom about it.
12. John advised the group that TJ Bibeau has been doing an outstanding job mowing and maintaining the Center and Maple Grove Cemeteries and has recently been doing work at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. John reported that he is very pleased with the quality and quantity of his work. Kent commented that TJ has also begun the fall leaf clean up at Maple Grove and is doing a good job. All present agreed that our cemeteries look better now than they have in the past.

A tentative date of December 5th was suggested for the next meeting at a place to be determined. There being no further business before the Trustees, a motion was made to adjourn by Hugh and seconded by John. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Stevens,
Trustee