



## DRAFT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

# CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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Tuesday, July 23, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Bob Ellwood, Michele Kaulback, Donna Waldron

Also Present: Paul Hayden - Sexton

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Chair Kaulback opened the Cemetery Trustees meeting at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken by the Chair; she announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

1. The Trustees welcomed Donna Waldron as a new member of the Board.

2. Approval of Minutes

B. Ellwood noted that White's Welding has not offered to pay for the repairs to the gate. P. Hayden will speak to the individual who offered to pay for the repair; he wanted it done anonymously. The correction will read: White's Welding has provided an estimate not to exceed \$400 to repair the gate. A Greenland resident has offered to cover the cost.

MOTION: B. Ellwood moved to approve the minutes as amended. Second – M. Kaulback; all in favor.  
MOTION CARRIED

3. Cemetery Gate Repair

B. Ellwood stated that the cost to repair the gate could be \$400 and may be less. B. Ellwood felt once the gate was welded it might put pressure on the pins in the granite. He felt it would be wise to accept the donation and have the welding done. Different ideas for making the gate so it could be opened and secured were discussed. P. Hayden will confirm with the individual making the donation.

D. Waldron asked if there was any way to remove the rust once the gate was repaired. P. Hayden responded it would have to be sand blasted and that would leave huge pits. B. Ellwood did not want to lose what was there and wanted it to show its age. P. Hayden stated he had a two-step painting system, and explained how it was used. B. Ellwood stated he liked the way it looked now; it was 200 years old.

MOTION: M. Kaulback moved that White's Welding will repair the gate at Hillside cemetery for a cost not to exceed \$400. A resident of Greenland has offered to pay for the repair. Second – B. Ellwood; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

B. Ellwood asked if the individual did not pay for the repair, could money be taken from the budget. P. Hayden responded it could be taken from the budget as a cemetery repair. Members were comfortable repairing the gate either way; it was long overdue.

4. Mowing

Several bids were received for mowing. Prices ranged from \$600 to \$200. Chair Kaulback was unsure how mowing and trimming around stones and fenced perimeters could be done for \$200. It's a 12 to 14

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hour process to mow each cemetery. P. Hayden stated he did the fence line the last time he mowed and removed the overgrowth. B. Ellwood wanted to remain with P. Hayden for mowing based on his knowledge of the cemeteries and there is a value to that. D. Waldron stated that you can't replace history and someone knowing what they're doing.

MOTION: M. Kaulback moved to have Paul Hayden mow the cemeteries for \$650 per mow, June 20, 2019 through November 30, 2019, the price not to exceed \$15,600. Second – B. Ellwood; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

P. Hayden clarified it was \$650 per mow for Prospect Hill and Hillside Cemeteries. He will charge \$50 per mow for the other pair every other week.

### 5. Dead Trees in Cemetery

Chair Kaulback has received complaints about dead trees in the cemetery. P. Hayden stated the two tall cedars are dead. There is also a huge bush held together by bungee cords. Chair Kaulback noted that the by-laws stated trees and shrubs are not permitted; she suggested members evaluate the situation. The dead ones should come down. P. Hayden stated he could cut the dead ones down when he's up there next week. He suggested writing letters at the end of the year to those people in violation of the by-laws. They will be given the opportunity to remove them or they'll be cut out in the spring. Trustees will need to walk the cemetery and write down the names of those in violation.

### 6. Other Business

B. Ellwood suggested moving forward with the columbariums in memory of Dave Gill. The Trustees were in agreement. Chair Kaulback will contact Seacoast Monument.

B. Ellwood asked if the Smith property was in the hands of the Selectmen. Chair Kaulback was unaware of the status. B. Ellwood reminded members that D. Gill had made a presentation to the Selectmen. He questioned how to proceed to find out the status.

D. Waldron informed members that the Greenland Historical Society has been approached by the Selectmen; they would like to put up the cemetery marker. She continued that they've had the marker for a long time and in November they are preparing to do an introductory cemetery presentation. The Historical Society is delighted it will be installed.

### 7. Adjournment

MOTION: B. Ellwood moved to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Second – M. Kaulback; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING
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Tuesday, August 20, 2019 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted: Charlotte Hussey – Administrative Assistant

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