



# CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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Tuesday, March 27, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

*Members Present:* Bob Ellwood, David Gill, Michele Kaulback

*Also Present:* Paul Hayden - Sexton

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

### 1. Reorganization of the Board

The Trustees were in agreement that D. Gill would remain as Chairman and M. Kaulback would be Vice Chairman.

### 2. Update: Green Burial

M. Kaulback and Chair Gill recently attended a meeting about green burials. M. Kaulback told the Trustees that a lot of land is needed and testing must be done to make sure the soil is the correct type. In a green burial, a shroud is used rather than a casket. P. Hayden noted that in the 1950's a law was passed in New Hampshire that a tomb must be used. M. Kaulback stated there is a law that a vault is not needed; there are cemeteries where only green burials are done. Regulations that accompany a green burial were discussed. The green part of a green burial: green leaves and/or branches are buried with the individual. A green burial includes having the wake at a house.

Chair Gill stated that the best route for the Town, with limited land, would be a columbarium or purchase more land. A columbarium would require cremation.

### 3. Mapping, Identifying Available Cemetery Plots

Chair Gill suggested this summer the Trustees need to identify available lots and track them. He also thought the process for a columbarium needed to be started. P. Hayden stated the Town has land on Falls Way that could be used as a cemetery.

### 4. Returned Plots; Update Maps

Research was done on the eight returned plots; they were located on the map.

### 5. Appointment: Priscilla Bourassa

Priscilla Bourassa addressed the Trustees regarding an update on her family plot issue. P. Hayden guaranteed she can be buried next to her husband. When asked about the number of lots, P. Hayden responded they couldn't get 12 plots. He added there is land on that side of the cemetery (further down

in the middle) if she was interested in purchasing additional plots. Chair Gill told P. Bourassa that once the snow clears and the Trustees have had a chance to locate plots, they'll show her the available plots.

#### 6. Calendar/Schedule: Clean Up Dates

Chair Gill suggested alternating weekends doing stone repairs, stump removal and the walk. P. Hayden stated he could do stump removal while stones were being repaired.

Gary Bourassa has volunteered to help with the cemetery clean up, and offered his equipment at no cost. The Trustees happily accepted his offer.

MOTION: Chair Gill moved to accept Gary Bourassa's offer to assist with the cemetery clean up and related work. Second – B. Ellwood; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

The first clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. If necessary, the next date will be Saturday, April 21, 2108. A locust tree fell but it didn't appear to damage any stones.

#### 7. Open Items of Interest

Tree removal at the Breakfast Hill Cemetery was discussed. P. Hayden is concerned about limbs falling on headstones and causing damage. The Board Secretary will contact the engineering company. B. Ellwood mentioned that it may be possible to get a load of dirt from the developer, if needed to straighten stones.

Chair Gill will get P. Hayden the contact information for the individual from Florida who would like to bury his father in Greenland.

#### 8. Approval of Minutes

Tuesday, January 23, 2018: Approval of Minutes, December 05, 2018, corrected to December 05, 2017.

MOTION: Chair Gill moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 23, 2018, as amended. Second – M. Kaulback; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

#### 9. Other Business

Chair Gill updated members on the progress of CemSites, the new cemetery program. Amy Bauer hasn't heard from them regarding the conversion.

#### 10. Adjournment

MOTION: Chair Gill moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Second – M. Kaulback; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

#### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted: Charlotte Hussey, Secretary to the Boards

Approved: Tuesday, April 24, 2018