

**Grafton Cemetery Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 31, 2023- DRAFT**

Meeting called to order by Jay Boucher, Chair at 6:08 pm

Trustees present: Chair-Jay Boucher, Dianne Burrington, Heather Hunter

Sexton: Ed Grinley

Also Present: Cindy Kudlik

Minutes from July 27, 2023 read. Additions to be made: Volunteers mowed/weedwacked Grafton Center and the Ford cemeteries. Donations if to a specific lot to go to the Trustees of Trust Funds. Minutes approved and motioned by Jay to accept, seconded by Heather.

Acknowledgment: A card should be sent to Cindy Kudlik for the great work she did in putting together the event at Grafton Center Cemetery on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. All trustees agreed.

It was a presentation by Jon Appel from Atlas Preservation on stone cleaning, up-righting and repairing. There were approximately 19 people from all over the state who attended and participated in this very hands on presentation. Sandwiches and water were provided at the lunch break which gave everyone a chance to chat with one another. All time and money to put this event on was donated.

Jay brought up that he wanted to discuss “housekeeping”. Specifically “Social Media Protocol”. There became a lot of back and forth disagreement between the Jay, Heather and Cindy over the happening at the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and demanded an apology for Heather's use of Social Media regarding that meeting. Jay asked Heather if she was going to quit, in which she replied, “no”. It became unruly, going no where. Heather called to end the meeting and Dianne second it. Cindy announced she resigned. Dianne immediately left the building, Heather followed.

Meeting adjourned: 6:29pm

Next meeting: September 28, 2023

Respectfully submitted: Dianne Burrington, Trustee

Pine Grove fence – Jay repaired.

Grafton Center Wall repair – Dianne has someone coming up in July to give an estimate.

Seasonal Employee – Ed had hired someone but he's quit after just 2 weeks. Another application was received but it's from a former employee who quit on not very good terms so rehiring him isn't a good idea.

### **New Business**

Expenditure Authorization – Jay noted that after the last meeting Dianne and Heather had Leif Hogue purchase a file cabinet that was neither discussed in or voted on during the meeting. It has been returned and all future purchases aside from the Sexton acquiring needed supplies will be voted on before being acted on.

Donation – Lisa Hamel donated \$25 cash toward stone cleaning. After some discussion it was decided ask Sara to hang onto it until the Trustees determine it's needed. This led to a discussion of tools needed for stone repairs and Jay asked Cindy to email a list so he can see what LaValley's carries.

Seasonal Employee – Would like to find out if Carl would like to continue working for us this summer. If so, we don't need to post the job in the spring.

Chris Williams lot purchase – Ed has talked more with Chris Williams about the 2 O'Hara plots and he's interested in buying them, even though the O'Hara's are buried in the 2 closest to his parents.

Stone Cleaning Schedule – Cindy gave Dianne the tentative stone cleaning schedule she will post if Dianne's ok with it. Dianne will look it over and let Cindy know if it's ok to post.

### **Sexton Report**

There were 3 burials (Stanley Hill, Lloyd Bennett, Richard Williams) and no lots sold.

Meeting adjourned at 18:38.

**Next meeting scheduled for June 29, 2023 at 6 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Cindy Kudlik