## Grafton Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes September 9, 2021

Meeting called to order by Aime Jacques at 18:06.

Trustees present: Aime Jacques, Jay Boucher and Cindy Kudlik Also present: Ed Grinley, Sexton

Aime moved to accept the August 19, 2021 minutes; Cindy seconded. Jay abstained. Motion passed.

## **Old Business**

Wall at Grafton Center Cemetery – Received a response from the state DoT refusing to repair the stone wall and furthermore suggesting we remove it and put up a fence in it's place. Aime will attempt to contact them again and remind them that they did repair the wall in 2015.

## **New Business**

Lots at Pine Grove – Cindy had asked to meet at Pine Grove to look at lots that don't line up right or match the deeds but the weather wasn't conducive to do that. This issue will be revisited in the spring.

Budget – Discussed the 2022 budget proposal the Selectmen asked to be turned in by October 1<sup>st</sup>. After much discussion the following will be requested: Custodian Stipend - \$500, Signs – 0, Stone Resetting – 0, Supplies, \$450, Wages - \$7200. This totals \$8150 and we will anticipate \$1000 from Perpetual Care (Gross Basis) which leaves \$7150 to come from the taxpayers. This is a \$1,050 increase over last year, but Aime and Ed feel strongly that we must offer better pay to attract and keep workers. Aime will submit this to the Selectmen on the spreadsheet she was sent.

## **Sexton Report**

There were 2 lots sold and no burials, but one is scheduled for Saturday. Ed asked about getting a galvanized trash can to hold the seed that was purchased for the back corner of Pine Grove. This way we can keep it in the pole barn, safe from mice, and have it available to us when we're ready to spread it. Cindy suggested that rather than spend the money on a trash can, she will ask the Road Agent for our seed and spreader and we'll get it done this fall.

**Correspondence** - An email regarding a stone cleaning workshop in Orange and also a request from Cindy to be reimbursed \$29.96 for the 2 Kneeling Pads she ordered for Aime from Atlas Preservation.

Aime adjourned the meeting at 19:42.

Next meeting scheduled for October 14th at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kudlik