

Approved

Grafton Cemetery Trustees

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2020

Meeting called to order by Aime Jacques at 18:05.

Trustees present: Aime Jacques, Jay Boucher and Cindy Kudlik

Also present: Ed Grinley, Sexton

Jay moved to accept the February 20, 2020 minutes; Aime seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Crypt Keeper Data Entry – Aime is nearly done with the East Grafton map. Cindy asked her to please hold off on entering the grave information as that is the default in the drop down list and it's easy to find other errors there now. Cindy paid the \$50 annual subscription fee for the Crypt Keeper software and submitted a payment voucher for reimbursement. Aime signed the voucher and it was submitted to the Selectmen's office.

Cornerstones & Lot Price – Cindy found that the town of Antrim requires lot purchasers to write a separate check to a monument company to acquire cornerstones. Ed contacted Laconia Monument and they verified that several towns do the same thing. They said they would normally charge \$250 for four 6"x6"x8" cornerstones engraved with the last name initial of the buyer installed by their local employee in Andover but because of their good working relationship with him they would provide them for Pine Grove for \$200. After some discussion, Cindy moved to raise the per lot price to \$125 (\$250 for 2, \$375 for 3, \$500 for 4) and also require that when a lot is purchased the buyer must also submit a check made out to Laconia Monument for \$200 to cover the cornerstones. Aime seconded the motion and Jay agreed. Motion passed. Cindy will update the regulations and the lot sales form. Ed noted that the man he spoke with at Laconia Monument told him that the black headstones don't attract lichen and moss like the lighter colored ones.

Mapping Pine Grove – Discussed having Peg Emslie take the lead on mapping Pine Grove with Richard Williams and Mary Gasiorowski. Cindy will contact her and let her know we have no money budgeted to do it, but if she'd be willing to volunteer we'd appreciate her help. Discussed purchasing 12 lettered cornerstones to mark the rows on the east side of the cemetery to match the west side. We will revisit this when we find out if and when Peg will begin the mapping.

Stone Cleaning – Weather permitting, we will begin in Grafton Center on April 2nd at 10am. Cindy will contact volunteers one week before if the forecast looks like we'll be able to work.

Signs – Jay and Cindy will look at the cemeteries on Sunday to determine what's needed to hang the signs.

New Business

Green Burials – Ed was approached on election day by a few people who were interested in green burials. This has come up in the past but it didn't seem like there was enough interest in town to delve into how to do it. As it seems that there is now, Aime will look into the regulations and requirements for dedicated space in Pine Grove.

Ed asked about getting the word out that we're hiring seasonal workers. It's unknown if Rick Foley intends to work for us again this summer. Cindy will contact the schools again, post it on the listserv and also ask Sue to post it on the town website.

Sexton Report

There were no burials and no lots sold.

Correspondence

There was an email from Mary Gasiorowski regarding the State Historical Society holding a workshop on Cemetery Tours and also an email from Laurie Sullivan offering to help clean headstones.

Aime adjourned the meeting at 19:08.

Next meeting scheduled will be April 16th at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kudlik