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Grafton Cemetery Trustees

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2020

Meeting called to order by Aime Jacques at 18:03.

Trustees present: Aime Jacques and Cindy Kudlik

Trustees absent: Jay Boucher

Also present: Ed Grinley, Sexton and Daniel Moore

Aime moved to accept the March 19, 2020 minutes; Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Crypt Keeper Data Entry – Aime is having trouble with the Grafton Center map layout. There was some discussion about the website the Alexanders had done and the list they did of the graves. Cindy will give a hard copy of the list to Aime.

Cornerstones & Lot Price – Updated regulations and lot sale forms were distributed.

Mapping Pine Grove – Peg has agreed to do it and lead the team of volunteers. She asked for details on what we want done and what our priorities are. Cindy will let Peg know we'd like her to concentrate on the East side, laying out the rows and marking them at each end and the center. We will provide stakes for her to use for marking. Once we know when she will be starting Ed will order the alphabetical row markers from Laconia Monument.

Green Burials – Aime found that NH has no stipulations regarding green burials and we can write our own rules for them into our regulations. They should be 3 ½' to 4' deep and the deceased can be naked or wrapped in biodegradable cloth or a soft wood box or if cremated, in a biodegradable urn. We need to lay out a separate section of Pine Grove designated for green burials only. There should be no headstone monuments, but flat stones would be allowed. Pricing and cornerstone requirements per our existing regulations would apply.

Stone Cleaning – Weather permitting, we will begin in Grafton Center on May 7th at 10am. Cindy will contact volunteers one week before if the forecast looks like we'll be able to work.

Seasonal Help – We've received no applications yet. Discussed possibly asking the Selectmen if Welfare recipients could be asked to apply and also putting the job posting in food pantry bags.

Signs – Jay and Cindy did look at the cemeteries to determine what’s needed to hang the signs. Jay will work on posts, etc.; not sure where he’s at with that right now. Discussed the numerous complaints from the folks who made the signs, but this part of it was a concern from the beginning. It’s a shame they did all that work and the signs are still not up, but we knew making posts and getting them finished wouldn’t be easy.

New Business

Cindy moved to keep Aime as Chair and Ed as Sexton; Aime seconded. motion passed. Aime moved to keep Cindy as bookkeeper; Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Sexton Report

There were no burials and no lots sold. Dennis McKeon had asked Ed about purchasing a lot but that hasn’t been completed yet.

Correspondence

None.

Aime adjourned the meeting at 19:27.

Next meeting scheduled will be May 21st at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kudlik