

Approved

Grafton Cemetery Trustees

Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2020

Meeting called to order by Aime Jacques at 18:17.

Trustees present: Aime Jacques and Cindy Kudlik

Trustees absent: Jay Boucher (arrived after meeting adjourned)

Also present: Ed Grinley, Sexton

Aime moved to accept the June 18, 2020 minutes; Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Monthly Stone Cleaning – Discussed adding a second cleaning day for August and September. Decided to add a Saturday each month. Cleaning dates and times are as follows: Thursday August 6th at 9am, Saturday August 22nd at 12:30pm, Thursday September 3rd at 9am and Saturday September 19th at 12:30pm. All will be at Grafton Center Cemetery. Aime signed the voucher to reimburse Cindy \$60.90 for D2.

Seasonal Help – Still have no employees. One was hired by Ed but she only mowed one cemetery and never turned in her paperwork or timesheet. Discussed not giving new hires access to the equipment until after all paperwork is turned in to the Selectmen's office. After some discussion Cindy moved to change the starting pay to \$12 per hour and allow Ed to pay good employees up to \$14 per hour. Cindy and Aime will repost the job on Facebook and the Mascoma Valley Listserv saying "pay determined by experience."

Stone Wall at Grafton Center – Cindy found out that Tom Ploszaj had contacted the DoT himself. Aime has been trying to reach them but they don't return her calls.

Barney Cemetery – Letter to Thomas Colby was signed and will be mailed Friday. Rumor has it the property has been sold. If so, we will draft a letter to the new owner informing them of the situation.

Signs – Aime did pick the signs up from Jay and they are being stored at the town office until we are able to install them. Sandy Griffin's linens, etc. have been washed and returned to her. Discussed several people who may be willing to make posts and install the signs for a reasonable fee.

Alternates – Both women were asked but neither was able to attend tonight's meeting.

Green Burials – Aime was approached again about green burial spaces at Pine Grove. After some discussion it was decided that in order to determine which lots we'll earmark for green burials Ed will contact Laconia

Monument to have them mark the Alphabetical rows on the East side of the Cemetery to line up with the West side. Cindy will edit the regulations to add a section regarding Green Burials to include restrictions on flowers, planting and flat headstones for discussion next month.

New Business

Meeting conflicts – After a brief discussion, decided to change the monthly meeting day to the 2nd Thursday of every month. Meetings will still be at 6pm at the town office.

Prescott Hill Cemetery Complaint – The woman who complained about Prescott Hill Cemetery's appearance had never been there before so Aime explained to her why the grass was so high and that the stones are very old.

Sexton Report

There were no burials or lots sold. Ed had several issues to discuss: He was asked if the Davis family could plant grass seed and maintain the lot, Ed told them they could. Millie Brydon's sister put in a flat stone and removed several inches of topsoil; Ed will get her contact information to Cindy so a letter can be sent asking her to return the grave to an acceptable condition. There was a question about the Haskins deed that has already been cleared up. Ralph Flad's brother Whitey wanted to move his grave but the step-father who bought the lot doesn't want to change it. The new lot sales form looks good.

Correspondence

Several emails from Crypt Keeper regarding changes to searchable fields, discontinuing using Paypal and the cost going up to \$54.31 per year.

Email from Atlas Preservation regarding their 48 States in 48 Days Gravestone Preservation Tour.

Aime adjourned the meeting at 19:30.

Next meeting scheduled will be August 13th at 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kudlik