

Approved

Grafton Cemetery Trustees

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

Meeting called to order by Aime Jacques at 18:00.

Trustees present: Aime Jacques and Cindy Kudlik

Trustees absent: Jay Boucher

Also present: Ed Grinley, Sexton

Aime moved to accept the August 13, 2020 minutes; Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

Signs – No update.

Tree down at Grafton Center –Ed called Fox Tree Service and they quoted him \$800 to take down the rest of the tree that dropped a large branch last month. Aime moved to have Fox take down the tree for \$800; Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Updated regulations – Were approved as updated including the inclusion of not allowing benches to be placed at Pine Grove without Cemetery Trustees' approval. Cindy will have updated copies for signing at the October meeting. There was some discussion regarding changing the Deed to a "Right to Inter" so people stop treating burial lots as their own personal garden area to do with as they please. For the time being Cindy will just highlight items I, J, & K in the regulations that get sent to buyers with their deed when they purchase a lot.

Stone cleaning – Agreed to change the start time for the last stone cleaning of the season on Saturday September 19th to 10am.

Seasonal help – Cindy will call the applicant Ed interviewed to tell him we won't be hiring him. The applicant told Ed he did not have a vehicle he could transport mowers & other equipment to the cemeteries in.

Row markers for Pine Grove – Ed received the corner stones A-L for marking the rows on the East side of Pine Grove Cemetery. Laconia Monument did not give him an invoice and are unable to install them for us at this time because they don't have the manpower. Ed offered to install them and Cindy offered to help with making sure they line up with the markers on the West side.

New Business

Aime asked about removing a rhododendron near the stone's we last cleaned at Grafton Center. After some discussion it was decided to have a cemetery clean up day at Grafton Center like we did at Pine Grove a couple of years ago to remove dead trees, plants and bushes that are unsightly or problematic. Clean up day at Grafton Center is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th at 10am.

2021 Budget – After some discussion it was decided to keep all line items at the same amount as 2020 with the exception of stone resetting. Stone resetting will be doubled, from \$250 to \$500. This puts the proposed 2021 budget at \$8,150 (up from \$7,900) with \$1,800 again expected to come from Perpetual Care, leaving \$6,350 (up from \$6,100) to be raised by taxation.

Sexton Report

There were no burials and no lots were sold.

Correspondence

Several emails from Crypt Keeper regarding the ability to print a map in Google Chrome and create deeds.

Aime adjourned the meeting at 19:27.

Next meeting scheduled will be October 8th at *10 am*.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kudlik