

Present: Matthew Thomas, Steve Tomasz, Mary Jo Holmes (arrived late) and Shawn Perreault.

Meeting was called to order by Thomas at 4:03 pm starting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Thomas to approve the July 12, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Tomasz.

Motion passed by 2-0 vote. (Holmes entered the meeting)

Old Business

Perreault informed the Trustees that the cemetery budget was submitted and recommended as presented by the Select Board.

Perreault stated that the spraying of the weeds in Leavitt has still been delayed due to all the rain.

The Trustees reviewed the addition made to the Cemetery Ordinance they asked Perreault to do. She added "Special requests can be brought before the Trustees, for example: additional headstones or a bench in place of a headstone." to the end of the monument section. Motion was made to accept the change by Holmes, seconded by Thomas. Motion passed with a vote of 3-0.

New Business

Thomas spoke to Gerry Tilley regarding the Wreaths Across America. She has volunteers that will be installing the hooks in early November before the ground freezes. The wreaths will be delivered and placed on the hooks on December 16th. She has contracted with a removal company for their disposal. Perreault asked Thomas to ask Ms. Tilley to place the hooks deeper and Holmes agreed. Last year there were a number that fell over. Thomas will pass the request on.

Perreault reviewed the burials that have occurred as well as those planned. She brought a request from Mr. Horsh that he be allowed to add a stone to his family lot, known as G-2, in Leavitt. He faxed over the dimensions and a picture, which was presented to the Trustees. Motion was made to allow the additional stone by Holmes, seconded by Thomas. Motion passed by a vote to 3-0.

Perreault informed them that all the outstanding cornerstones have been received, but only one set has been installed. She is hoping the rest will be installed within the next few weeks. Further discussion was held on which stones were outstanding and their location in Leavitt. In addition, families will now be given a new form to fill out when purchasing a lot. This form will list those the lot owner gives permission to or plans to have buried in each lot purchased. There will be two forms, one that is filled out in front of Perreault that she will then sign. The other form will have a Notary Public/Justice of the Peace to witness for forms done by mail. Perreault is hoping that this will make things easier when lot owners pass. The owner can make changes at any time by filling out a new form. The Trustees were all in favor of adding this to our required documents.

Thomas had hoped to attend the Old NH Graveyard meeting and workshop this past month. He wanted to learn how to clean and repair stones. He was unable to attend and will be contacting the President, Joyce Keegal to see when the next workshop will be taking place.

Discussion was held on changing the time of the cemetery meetings from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. After discussing the matter, the Trustees are NOT changing the time.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2023 at 4:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Pettengill Cemetery located behind the Carder house at 910 Main Street. The Trustees want to see how the cemetery is looking and if there are any projects that need to be considered. In addition, the Trustees

want to visit Beede Hill Cemetery located at the top of Beede Hill Road behind the red colonial house on the back south side of the field.

Motion was made to adjourn by Thomas, seconded by Holmes. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shawn Perreault
Cemetery Sexton