

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

January 10, 2024

Present: Rick Druckenmiller, Dana van der Bijl, Phil Bilodeau, Ron Harvey, Jenny Wellington

Meeting called to order at **9:30 am**

The board **voted unanimously to approve the minutes** of the **December** meeting.

Jenny has completed the **columbarium contract with Monument Warehouse** and has sent in the sample artwork for the engraving. She will stay in touch with our rep there.

Phil has been in touch with Barry Brearley regarding reimbursements for the replacement fence and gate at Ladd. We are still waiting on paperwork and receipts. **The board voted unanimously to approve up to \$500 to be paid to Barry Brearley from the A-05 Ladd Cemetery (AB Common) fund when the invoice is received.**

Barry Brearley has generously **donated a quilt handmade by his late wife, Gay Brearley**. The quilt will be raffled off to raise funds for the care of Deerfield cemeteries. Plans are still underway.

The library has included the trustees in their **Cemetery Sleuthing presentation on January 20th** at the Deerfield Community Church. Dana, Phil, and Jenny will attend. Dana will prepare a handout featuring volunteering guidelines. Jenny will make a document highlighting certain cemeteries that need help. Dana's handout will include a QR code that will link to Jenny's document on the town site.

The board voted unanimously to appoint Colleen Prieto as an alternate trustee. Dana will notify Kelly Roberts and the Select Board.

Rick presented three estimates for the **removal of six trees at Prescott Cemetery** at 52 Old Center Road. **The board voted unanimously to approve an estimate from Jared Messina for \$5,000.**

The board discussed **simple signage for town owned cemeteries** (and some of the others that are most in danger of disappearing). Jenny will put out a **call for volunteers** on the Facebook page for any scouts (or other organizations/individuals) who may want to take on the project.

Phil is following up with John Hall **at Hall Monument** regarding the Nocross donation money and work to be done at the Fellows-Sanborn cemetery on Middle Road.

Our next meeting will be at 9:30 am on February 14th at the George B. White Building. *Note: This is a deviation from our normal meeting schedule.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary