

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

February 14, 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 **January** meeting.

Quilt Raffle – Phil has turned in **\$315** to John Harrington for the Cemetery Maintenance Donations escrow account. The board will keep an eye out for opportunities to sell more tickets before the **Old Home Day drawing on August 17**.

Columbarium - Jenny reported that production is in progress and expected to be finished in the third week of March. **Monument Warehouse** will send updates and photos as the project progresses.

Six trees at **Prescott Cemetery** will be taken down tomorrow by Jared Messina for **\$5,000**. The group voted unanimously in January to spend this money.

Rick proposed that we utilize some maintenance funds to mow/**clean the town owned cemeteries** that have already been cleaned up. Sean from BlueSky said they could probably use three services a year. Dana will make a list of the cemeteries that have been cleaned up so far and send a request to BlueSky for an estimate.

Volunteer Update – Debbie Curtin sent an inquiry about volunteering in a cemetery near her home. Jenny responded and will send her a list of cemeteries on Mt. Delight.

NuStone – Matt Bennett contacted us about bidding on maintenance. Dana inquired about stone straightening, and Bennett visited three cemeteries and said he would like to meet up with the board and do a walk-through to discuss. Dana will set up an appointment.

The board voted unanimously to spend up to \$100 to obtain memberships in the **NHOGA** and **NH Cemetery Association**. Dana will join and submit for reimbursement.

The board voted unanimously to move their meetings to the **second Wednesday of each month**. Dana will ask Steve to change it on the town website.

Our next meeting will be at 9:30 am on March 13th at the George B. White Building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary