

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

August 24, 2023

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

Absent: Maureen Mann

Citizens Present/Citizen Comments: None

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

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

Phil got an estimate from **Hall Monument** for the overturned monument in **Dearborn F-05**. Board unanimously voted to have it done and to pay the bill as soon as possible. Payment of **\$800** should be taken from the **DEARBORN F-05 fund in the AB Common Trust**. Should that money not be available for any reason, the board would like it to be paid from the expendable fund.

Mark Young and Gary Sanborn took care of the wall at **B-12 Fellows-Sanborn**. Mark also reset several leaning stones and repaired the gate in time for the service for Ruth Sanborn.

Columbarium RFP – Jenny will finalize based on advice from John Harrington and he will post to his usual places. **The deadline will be October 11th**. We will review the proposals at our meeting on October 18th.

The **library** has invited us to participate in their **Cemetery Sleuthing program on October 14th**. Jenny will speak if she is able to, with Phil as backup. Dana will put together a handout about our cemeteries and volunteer opportunities and guidelines.

Dana will compile a **list of cemeteries** for Rick to send to **Blue Sky** for an updated estimate for cleaning and for maintaining.

2024 Budget – the BOS has us scheduled for **September 5th**. Phil will be at the meeting to answer any questions. Dana completed the budget worksheet earlier this month and submitted it to John Harrington with backup information.

Dana has compiled a **300+ page resource book for the cemetery trustees** containing everything all in one place. This is not for publication, but to be used by the cemetery trustees. The board voted unanimously to pay **up to \$300 for printing services** to produce several hard copies of the book.

Barry Brearley called Phil about the **gate at Ladd A-05**. He spoke to a welder and said it would be about \$4,500 to fix the existing fencing and put a new gate on there. Since then, someone local has offered their services free of charge. Phil will get further details and we will discuss at the next meeting.

Jenny has volunteered to create and administer a Facebook page called **Deerfield Stones and Stories**. She will share photos and videos there. The board agreed she should move forward.

The **next meeting** will be on **September 20th at 9:30 am** at the George B. White Building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary