

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

September 20, 2023

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

Absent: Ron Harvey

Citizens Present/Citizen Comments: None

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

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

The trustees discussed the **passing of longtime cemetery volunteer Maureen Riordan Mann** on September 10, 2023. Maureen was instrumental in the planning of the future addition of a columbarium in Old Center Cemetery, and the **trustees voted unanimously that the columbarium will be dedicated to her memory**. A site will be prepared for a granite bench (which is expected be donated by outside sources in her honor) to be installed at a future date. Additionally, the first niche in the columbarium will be reserved for urns of Maureen and her late husband Bob Mann.

Columbarium RFP – The deadline for submissions is October 11th. We will review the proposals at our meeting on **October 18th**.

Rick received a **quotation from Blue Sky Landscaping** to clean up the following neglected town owned cemeteries:

Eastman G-3	\$ 675
Prescott E-11	\$ 400
Freese Fogg E-9	\$1,750 (provided tree is removed)
Haynes/Currier C-8 and C-9	\$1,560
Cram C7	\$ 390
Tennant Collins C-15	\$ 200
Woodman B-14	\$1,170
TOTAL AMOUNT:	\$6,145

The board voted unanimously to have the work done as soon as possible for **\$6,145** with payment to come from individual trust funds first, then the Cemetery Maintenance Expendable Fund.

A list will be provided to Blue Sky for a quotation to clean up the remainder of the town owned cemeteries.

Phil contacted **Hall Monument** about straightening out monuments at **Fellows-Sanborn B-12**. He'll follow up.

2024 Budget – Phil presented the proposed budget to the BOS on **September 5th**. An edited version of the budget was approved for \$43,901. The BOS is supportive of a \$70,000 warrant article to cover care of our neglected cemeteries.

The **next meeting** will be on **October 18th at 9:30 am** at the George B. White Building.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dana van der Bijl
Secretary