

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

August 18, 2021

Present: Rick Druckenmiller, Sam White, Dana van der Bijl, Maureen Mann, Phil Bilodeau

Absent: Tina St. Peter

Meeting called to order at **9:31 am**.

Citizen Comments – None

The board voted unanimously to **accept the July meeting minutes**.

Sam will continue to work on efforts to **engage the Scouts in cemetery clean-ups**. Some of the cemeteries we identified during the last meeting seem to be well taken care of, so he will ask around to find out who has been volunteering their time to care for them. New candidates will be identified.

Dana and Maureen created an **informational display for Old Home Day 2021** with photographic help from Phil. The display includes information on our 107 known cemeteries, plot availability, and upcoming warrant articles. There is also a sign-up sheet for more information on volunteering.

The board discussed the possibility of asking local businesses and organizations to **sponsor our cemeteries**. Rick will touch base with a few local businesses to see if there is any interest.

The board voted unanimously to **repay \$10 to the Heritage Commission** for the Old Home Day banner purchased on our behalf.

Rick reported that the **walkways in Old Center Cemetery** are not yet complete but are on the schedule for this fall.

The board discussed the upcoming **budget** and decided to leave it mostly as-is while putting forth four **warrant articles**. Dana will work on the wording of the warrant articles and return to the board for input before submitting them to John Harrington. The board agreed on an **internal deadline of September 30th** to submit the warrant articles.

The Cemetery Trustee page on the town **website has been updated** with current information regarding plot sales, contact information, regulations, and meeting times.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 am. The next meeting will be held at the **GB White Building** on **Wednesday, September 15th at 9:30 am**.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary