

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

March 16, 2022

Present: Rick Druckenmiller, Dana van der Bijl, Sam White, and Ron Harvey

Absent: Phil Bilodeau, Maureen Mann (alternate)

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

Citizen Comments – None

The board welcomed new member Ron Harvey. Dana and Rick were re-elected to new terms last week. All three were sworn in prior to the meeting.

The board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the January meeting.

The board discussed the failure of two of its three warrant articles. The intent is to run them both again while working to do whatever we can in the meantime. According to Mark Young, we can count on our current cemetery space for five years. It will take a few years to establish a new cemetery. We will increase our efforts in the coming year and try to make our needs known to the community.

Sam and Ron will work on volunteer efforts with local scouting groups and focus on the 29 town-owned cemeteries.

The group discussed asking local businesses to adopt cemeteries. All were asked to come up with a list of local businesses to approach.

The group unanimously voted to move forward with using Morrison Cemetery trust funds to take down the damaged trees along the driveway. The trustees of the trust funds have investigated and have found that it would be an appropriate use of the funds. We already have one quote and Rick will find two more as soon as possible. The board will vote again once the quotes have been gathered.

The board discussed the warrant article that passed. The article will establish a new trust fund with \$35,000 of unassigned fund balance. Future proceeds from new plot sales will be deposited into this fund, bypassing the current method of creating a new trust fund for each plot sold. Rick will check with John Harrington about how the fund gets established and if/when the funds can be expected to arrive.

Meeting adjourned at 10:16 am.

The next meeting will be held at the **GB White Building** on **Wednesday, April 20th at 9:30 am**.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary