

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

July 20, 2022

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

Absent: Ron Harvey

Citizens Present/Citizen Comments: None

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

The board **voted unanimously to accept the minutes** of the June meeting.

Discussed quotes for the **fence at Old Center Cemetery**. **Great Eastern** was the only company (out of three) to respond to our request. They came in at a reasonable price (**\$3,700**) and said they could have it done before the end of August. The group voted unanimously to give them the job. Rick will bring the information to the select board and move forward.

The ash-bored damaged trees have not yet been removed from **Morrison Cemetery**. Maureen will follow up with Jared Messina.

The group compared their findings from their individual **surveys** of the first group of **town owned cemeteries**. It was agreed that they should be cleaned up in the following order:

1. **John Sanborn B-13** (Near 189 South Road/Tin Pot Road). Decent condition overall but needs a lot of mowing and weed-whacking. Sumac trees are starting to grow and should be removed. Lots of poison ivy. Tree near road is dead and should come down.
2. **French Cemetery C-05** (Candia Road, to the left of #8). Almost all overgrown and mostly inaccessible. Stone #6 completely down. Stone #3 broken and half on the ground. Stone #7 broken at bottom but leaning upright and legible. Lots of saplings and vegetation growing in the stone wall. Looks like it would not take too much to clean this one up.
3. **Haynes and Currier Cemetery C-08/C-09** – (Across from 65 Ridge Road). Completely overgrown. Needs lots of weed-whacking and cleanup.
4. **Cram C-07** (to the left of the Inn at Deerfield at 34 Ridge Road) – Being maintained by King family. No need for landscaping work at this time.

Dana will work up an **RFQ packet** to send to landscapers for #1-3.

Dana will put together a survey packet for the next five town owned cemeteries.

Maureen presented a packet of information on **funeral resources**. The group agreed that it was helpful information and should be linked from our town web page. Dana will put it together and ask Steve Jamele to post it.

The group discussed the possibility of installing a **columbarium at Dowst-Cate Cemetery** on Cate Road. There is what appears to be a suitable area toward the back of the current cemetery. More research needs to be done. Maureen will ask Dick Boisvert if he has any input or can utilize a rod to probe for unknown burials.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

The next meeting will be held at the **GB White Building** on **Wednesday, August 17th at 9:30 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary