

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

September 21, 2022

Present: Rick Druckenmiller, Dana van der Bijl, Ron Harvey

Absent: Phil Bilodeau, Maureen Mann, Sam White

Citizens Present/Citizen Comments: None

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

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

Rick reported that the **fence at Old Center Cemetery** is up. The 50% deposit was paid in advance, and the remainder of the **\$3700** will be paid out of **Old Center Cemetery trust funds**.

Rick got an **estimate of \$1475 from Gold Leaf** for **B-13 John Sanborn** (Tin Pot Rd/189 South) from **Gold Leaf** to clean it up and remove the brush and debris. Calls and requests to other landscapers in the area have gone unanswered. The **board voted unanimously to move forward with Gold Leaf**, provided they can complete the work before winter.

Ron took care of the work at **C-07 Cram Cemetery** himself and said he will go back in October to maintain it.

Dana wrote an article for an upcoming issue of the **Dooryard Gazette** regarding **C-05 French Cemetery**, highlighting the people who are buried there and asking for help from the public to clean it up and maintain it.

Dana has been corresponding with Nancy Adams Morse, who is a descendent of **Currier Lang and Carolyn Bushnell Allen**, who are buried in **B-12 Fellows-Sanborn Cemetery**. The ashes of several family members have already been scattered at the cemetery, and the family is requesting that their names be added to the blank side of the monument. These names are: **Clara Frances Lang Reid**, b. Dec. 20, 1912; d. Nov. 21, 2009. **George Allen Lang**, b. Nov. 7, 1914; d. 2010. (Military info will also be inscribed). **Alice Hudson Lang Adams**, b. Feb. 27, 1917; d. Mar. 19, 2014

After going over the documentation provided by the family, **the board agreed that the family should be permitted to have these three names added to the monument** at their expense. The family has stated that they will use Manchester Monument Company, as they did the original work on the monument in the 1960s. They have agreed to match the style and font of the original inscription as closely as possible. It is also agreed that no further names will be inscribed moving forward.

The group discussed the **need for increased communication regarding plot sales and burials**. Rick will ask Mark Young to provide us with the information when these things happen. Dana will update our records once received.

Discussion of an **Urn Garden/Scattering Garden** at **Old Center Cemetery** was tabled until next meeting. Members should be prepared to discuss and draft a warrant article. Rick has asked Mark Young to put a **temporary hold on selling plots 40-62** (potential urn garden site) **and anything in sections K or L** (potential columbarium sites).

The next meeting will be held at the **GB White Building** on **Wednesday, October 19th at 9:30 am**. **Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am**.

Respectfully submitted by Dana van der Bijl, Secretary