

## **Draft Minutes of the Deerfield Cemetery Trustees November 16, 2022**

Present: Rick Druckenmiller, Sam White, Ron Harvey, Phil Bilodeau, Maureen Mann (alternate)

Absent: Dana van der Bijl

Call to order: 9:35 am

### Deacon Haynes Cemetery

The right, sidewall at the Deacon Haynes Cemetery on Haynes Road has collapsed. Cemetery Supervisor Mark Young said he cannot repair it without removing the trees along the wall. Someone who works with granite and a block and tackle might be able to repair it. Chair Druckenmiller will try to find and get estimates for repair. The cost of repair should be able to come from the Cemetery Reserve Fund.

### Warrant Articles

The Cemetery Trustees will be submitting two warrant articles.

The first will deal with maintaining the Reserve Fund which now stands at about \$11,000 with another \$7000 anticipated when the funds received by the town for sale of cemetery plots will be added at year end.

The second will deal with asking the voters to fund \$55,000 for the creation of a columbarium garden in the new area of Old Centre Cemetery. A columbarium niche can hold up to two cremains. It is anticipated that by 2050 close to 80 percent of final distribution of bodies will include cremation.

### Overage of Maintenance Account

The overage of the amount budgeted for cemetery maintenance is currently about \$1550. There are still potential bills for fall cleanup to be submitted from the contractors. The Cemetery Trustees voted to take the necessary funds to cover the overage from the Cemetery Reserve Fund when the final number is known,

### Cleanup Estimates for some newly discovered cemeteries.

Chairman Druckenmiller will seek three estimates for the cleanup and maintenance of the Hayes/Currier Cemeteries on Ridge Road, The French Cemetery on Candia Road and the Goodhue-Fellows Cemetery on Mt. Delight Road.

Adjournment" 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen R. Mann

