

# Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

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## DRAFT MINUTES

**February 15, 2023**

**Present:** Rick Druckenmiller, Dana van der Bijl, Phil Bilodeau, and Ron Harvey

**Absent:** Maureen Mann and 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 **January 2023** meeting.

The board discussed the **design for the urn garden in Old Center Cemetery** and determined that the plots would likely be 2'x4' and would accommodate two urns each. The plaques should be smaller to accommodate for space between the graves, but no decisions were made. It is intended that there will be grass between the plaques. Dana will **research what standard sizes are available and their pricing**, and the group will discuss at the next meeting.

Rick will talk to Mark Young to find out **what the charges should be for opening an urn garden plot vs. opening a traditional grave**.

Dana will do some research on different **cemeteries and what they are charging for urn garden plots**. The group will go over the information next month and come up with pricing.

John Harrington notified the board that the **American Legion would like to see the large maple near the flagpole get trimmed before they install a new flag**, as the branches have shredded the current flag. John said he will check with the highway department to see if they can do it with their existing equipment.

While discussing the fact that **Deerfield is running out of burial space**, it was noted that most towns have a stipulation that one must live in said town to purchase a burial plot there. **The group voted unanimously to update Rules and Regulations with a new rule stating that one must either live in or have a strong connection to the town of Deerfield in order to purchase a plot here.**

Rick sent a letter to four local landscaping outfits for estimates on the **cleanup of French, Goodhue Fellows, and Haynes Currier** but has not received any responses.

**Wall repair at Haynes Cemetery** – Rick is still waiting for one more estimate.

Dana will send the trustees a **list of the 28 town owned cemeteries and their status**. Ron will use the list to **find individuals/organizations to help clean/maintain them**.

**The next meeting will be held at the GB White Building on Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.**

Respectfully submitted by Dana van der Bijl, Secretary