

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

July 15, 2020

Present: Rick Druckenmiller, Dana van der Bijl, Tina St. Peter, Sam White, and alternate Maureen Mann.

Absent: Paul Murphy

Meeting was called to order at **9:39** am.

Citizen Comments - None

The board unanimously **approved the minutes** from the June meeting.

Rick spoke with Jim Franklin of **Franklin Associates**, LLC and presented the board with a proposal for a land survey of the back portion of **Old Center Cemetery**. Rick will ask him to survey with and without the current dirt road to see if we can utilize the extra space. The board **voted unanimously to expend the \$950** and have the survey done as soon as possible. Once finished, there will be more room for burials.

The board continued their discussion regarding **space issues**. Rick will touch base with **Mark Young**, who has already done a lot of the preliminary information gathering for the **expansion of the Cate Road cemetery**.

The board discussed the many **trees that must be removed** from our cemeteries. Sam suggested that we check with tree companies to see if they will allow us to group the trees together (although in different cemeteries) and offset the cost by keeping the wood. When we are looking for a company to clear the Cate Road property, we will keep this in mind and try to negotiate.

Meanwhile, there are trees in the front of **Old Center Cemetery** and along the left side of **Morrison Cemetery** that should be addressed as soon as possible. Rick will get in touch with **Jared Messina** and ask him to take a look at the two cemeteries and prioritize which trees need to go first.

The **chain link fence** at the front of **Old Center Cemetery** is in bad shape. The board considered removing it altogether, but the town administrator requested that Rick get a quote from **QA Fence** to repair it.

The next meeting was set for August 19th at 9:30 am at the town **Gazebo**. We anticipate having a guest there who has recently moved to town and is interested in volunteering.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary