

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees

DRAFT MINUTES

August 19, 2020

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

Absent: Paul Murphy **Citizens Present:** Barry Brearley and Leslie Randlett

Meeting was called to order at **9:40** am.

Citizen Comments – Barry Brearley, a volunteer who takes care of the **Pulsifer** and **Ladd** cemeteries on South Road, stopped in to discuss monument repair. He has done some research into epoxies and wants to try one out. He is going to reach out to Ray Heon, who has decades of experience, and see what he thinks. The board thanked Mr. Brearley for his dedication to our local cemeteries.

Another citizen, **Leslie Randlett** of Haynes Road, has purchased a home with a cemetery on the property and wants to volunteer. She has experience with program management and has agreed to work with **Sam White** to organize volunteers to take care of our neglected non-town-owned cemeteries. The board agreed that **Robinson Cemetery** on Raymond Road should be the first project. The board thanked Ms. Randlett for her interest in volunteering and looks forward to working with her.

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

We expect the **Old Center Cemetery** survey results from Jim Franklin of **Franklin Associates**, LLC and an estimate from **AQ Fence** for fence repair/replacement/removal in the upcoming week.

The board discussed the **2021 Budget**, as Rick had an appointment set up for later in the week with John Harrington to go over changes.

Rick met with **Jay Messina** at **Parade Cemetery** and found that there are **14 trees** on the property that absolutely must be taken down as soon as possible. The job will cost **\$15,000** and does not include stump removal. This price is available if we have the job done this fall or early winter. Rick will speak to John Harrington about possibly using the Parade's trust fund interest to offset the job. Jay said we should also get permission from the landowners on both sides (Wentzell and McKinney/Brown) to move the equipment around the cemetery.

The next meeting was set for September 16th at 9:30 am at the town **Gazebo**.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted by:

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary