

Minutes of
Tamworth Trustees of Cemeteries
4:30 PM October 6, 2015
At Pease Hill Cemetery & Chocorua Cemetery

Members Present: Mark Albee, John Roberts, and John Wheeler

- 1) We met with Rob Wallace at Pease Hill Cemetery to discuss ownership. Rob and John W had copies of a map attached to a 1975 deed to the Town of the NE triangular section deeded to the Town, which map included a rough layout of plots of the addition. Rob is the heir of Evelyn Wallace and Marion Spaulding, donors of the addition. The plot plan shows "Lot 1" a triangle in northerly side of the addition, set aside for Donald W & Robert S Wallace. Rob felt that lot 1 was much bigger than needed. We agreed Paul King will be hired to survey the addition and lay out markers that can be used to identify the plots, including existing memorials. Paul is to also search to see if the older section of the cemetery is in fact owned by the Town. We will hire someone to clear the northerly corner of lot one, after which Rob will determine what sections of lot one he wishes reserved.
- 2) Names on the existing monuments were noted. They will be checked against the perpetual care records to determine if they were sold by the Trustees.
- 3) The deed for lot G-3a in the Coville west addition of the Chocorua Cemetery to Sandra Flanagan was signed.
- 4) Mark had righted the base of the Davis monument in the Damon addition of Ordination Rock. John R will speak with Bob Davis and ask him to take the necessary steps to get the monument secured and re-placed on its base. It was agreed that it was not the Trustees' responsibility to repair recent monuments nor to remove stumps of plantings next to memorials cut by the heirs or the Trustees.
- 5) John W reported he had been contacted by the owner of a plot in Ordination Rock who could not find his plot. John found the corner markers, but they were not placed in the correct location. They were immediately adjacent to the correct location, Next to a survey marker recently placed to make sure plots were laid out correctly. The owner met with John and agreed to have the markers moved.
- 6) The Trustees voted to have future corner markers to measure 4" by 4" by 6" deep.
- 7) The meeting was reconvened at the Chocorua Cemetery to review a complaint received from the owner of the land on the eastern boundary that cuttings and brush had been dumped on their land. Some brush had been placed there over the last two years, much of which had been removed earlier when the complaint was first received. Mark will speak with the owner to insure her that there will be no more dumping.
- 8) We will notify the Selectmen that we intend to submit a warrant article petition to allow for the establishment of a capital reserve fund funded by the sale of cemetery plots. Existing law requires any sales of cemetery plots either go into the general fund or be perpetual care funds. The article would allow the Cemetery Trustees to expend the Capital Reserve funds for cemetery improvements and general maintenance, including the purchase of corner markers. [RSA 289:2-a]
- 9) John W will submit the budget request to the Selectmen the same as last year, but add \$2500 to the maintenance budget to allow for some addition maintenance of cemeteries, such as repairing gates and taking down dead or damaged trees.
- 10) The recent death of Joan Casarotto was noted. She had extensive cemetery records which we hope will be preserved. [John W later determined from Chris Clyne that Joan had worked with her to make sure the library had copies of all her records.]

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Wheeler