

Minutes of the
Tamworth Trustees of Cemeteries
5:30 PM December 11, 2018
At Cook Memorial Library

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

Also present: Veterans Committee members: Peg & Dan Poirier, Ann Cady, Scott Turcotte, Bruno Siniscalchi, David Haskell, and Ann Provenzano

1. The Veterans committee came to determine what the Cemetery Trustees do for Memorial Day, indicating they would like to be responsible for distribution of flags for veterans at the cemeteries. They were told that the Boy and Girl Scouts presently distribute flags purchased by us to the main cemeteries, but not to the outlying ones. The committee indicated they would like to make a list of all veterans buried in all the cemeteries and burial grounds. We indicated we would certainly cooperate with them and thank them for their proposed work. They will keep in touch with us.
2. The minutes of 10/9/18 meeting were approved.
3. John W suggested that perhaps the Scouts could help, as a community project, remove grass, sod and debris from around each headstone and marker – work that the contractors don't do other than with blowers. Mark will contact the Scouts and propose it.
4. An updated cemetery plot sales list was passed out.
5. The trustees will do a site visit at Coville west in the spring to determine plot locations on the ground vs maps around Pike and McGarrity.
6. Fowlers Mill cemetery: We need to find the back-right corner marker to clarify where the Ross lot B-24 is. There is presently branches and pine needles dumped over it.
7. Becky Mason has requested better information about what plots are available in the Charles Moody plots in the old section of Chocorua cemetery. We will have to have a site inspection in the spring. There are corner markers for the overall plot. Her father does not have a deed and wants something in writing to clarify ownership.
8. A draft letter by John W. to the Attorney Generals Office concerning the use of Town funds for various burial sites in Town was reviewed. It was decided to send it to the New Hampshire Municipal Association, not the AG. John R. will check the tax maps to determine if the burial grounds are separate from adjacent properties.
9. John W. reported the Trustees of Trust funds are in discussion with Bearing Point, the investment company for perpetual care funds, concerning the spreading of the interest earned among the individual accounts and the charging of those accounts for annual maintenance. Ideally the records would show where each perpetual care plot is located, and in what cemetery, the number of plots in each cemetery, and the cost for maintaining each plot. Such detail information is unknown at present and would take a lot of file searching and guess work.
10. Mark will draft an annual report and bring it to the next meeting.
11. The next meeting will be 1/15/19 at 5:00 at Cook Library.
12. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Wheeler

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