

Tamworth Cemetery Trustees Meeting
April 10, 2024, 5:30 pm
Cook Memorial Library

Members present: John Wheeler, Mark Albee, Annie Burke, and alternate Bruno Siniscalchi
Guest: Chris Conrad

Election of officers. Motion was made to accept the slate as follows: John Wheeler – chair, Mark Albee – vice chair, Annie Burke – Secretary. Bruno S. will remain an alternate. Carl Dearborn will be an occasional volunteer. The vote was unanimously approved.

John maintains the official copy of the cemetery plot/deed records, including copies of obits and death certificates when available.

Action item: The Trustees will research and confirm what records are mandated to be kept in the Cemetery Trustee file.

Action item: Annie and John will explore the vault and the basement at the Town Office in order to review the records we have and improve the organization of such.

Recent deeds: Trustees signed the deed for the renewal of Coville East plots G & H 11-14 to Charles Haddock.

The Rowe deed was corrected to read lot 40, rather than D-40 in Pease Hill Road Cemetery to Elizabeth Rowe.

One correction was discussed on the Cemetery Rules & Regulations.

Action item: Mark will find out if other materials are allowed for grave liners besides concrete and metal. John will update the Rules on the Town website, once that wording is confirmed.

Discussion regarding irradiating the bittersweet in the Pease Hill Cemetery, as it is covering the southern stone wall. The Trustees approved \$500 to be spent on the spraying of an herbicide to remedy the issue. Permission from landowners has already been granted, but there is some clarifying needed in regard to bittersweet growing around some saplings. Mark is working on the final communications.

Ordination Rock Cemetery: With the sale of the Walgreen property, the Trustees need to gain new permission for dumping grass clippings and leaves on adjacent properties.

Action item: Mark will ask Jessie Dubuque and Bob King about using their land for this purpose.

Chris Conrad was asked to join the meeting to answer some questions about cemetery maps that he surveyed and drew in the early 1990's. His memory of boundary markers was helpful.

Chocorua Cemetery: Discussion about one row of the green burial section that is overrun by brush and trees. Mark and John will meet onsite.

The vault in the Chocorua Cemetery needs extensive repair. Mark is working on getting an estimate.

Cremation lots need to be located, measured, and have the brush cleared out. Paul King can hopefully set monuments on which to base the measurements.

Action item: The Trustees will meet to mark some trees for removal.

Action item: John will contact John Roberts to confirm that he can deliver 100 new granite corner markers.

Gravestone repair morning. Mark will propose a time to meet, most likely on a Saturday morning in the spring.

Fowlers Mill Cemetery: Metal corner posts need locating.

Action item: Mark will check with Tim Brown to inquire if the Boy Scouts would help with the annual placement of flags on the graves of veterans.

Discussion regarding cleaning up the lettering on the Ordination Rock, which has become very hard to read.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 22 at 5:30 pm at the Cook Memorial Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.