

Minutes of Tamworth Trustees of Trust Funds & Cemeteries
Cook Memorial Library and Tamworth Town Office
10 May 2011

In Attendance: John Wheeler, David Haskell and Alexandra Cook

The Trustees reviewed and approved as written minutes of the 22 March 2011 meeting.

John presented the Report of Trust Funds as of 30 April 2011. There was a reduction of funds due to pay out of certain funds as voted on at the March 2011 Town Meeting. Currently there is approximately \$537,044 in the overall account. David and Alex noted the careful record keeping by John and appreciate his diligence in this matter.

Currently it is not known where the key to the Chocorua Mortuary is. It is believed that Lord Funeral Home has it and David will check that. It was noted that there is some maintenance that is needed on the exterior of the Mortuary.

Memorial Day is fast approaching and this is the apex of the cemetery year. David says that the cemeteries are on schedule for being in order for Memorial Day.

John received a reply back from the Local Government Center saying the Trustees do have the authority for building a shed on the cemetery grounds. The letter was received in answer to a letter sent by John questioning the action the Tamworth Selectmen took on requesting a shed in the Ordination Rock cemetery to be removed. John will send a copy of this letter to the Selectmen along with a cover letter. Alex will check with former Trustee, Harold Cook, regarding a possible donation of a new shed.

Research is continuing on a cemetery software program that will suit our needs and our budget. We are bothered by the high annual fees on the ones we have looked into so far.

\$2,000 from funds available will be spent on cemetery repairs in 2011. Repairs will be allocated to listed gravesites that have available funds. David will be working with Joan Cassarotto in determining which gravestones will qualify.

The Tamworth Community Guild will be donating to the Trustees a sum of \$4,500 to \$6,000 (the amount is indeterminate at this time) at the beginning of 2012 to be used on repair of the neediest gravestones. The Guild will be requesting that the repairs be done first in Riverside Cemetery. The Guild is considering submitting a Warrant Article asking the Town for matching funds at the next town meeting. Also, they would like to ask the Tamworth Foundation for matching funds. This is a project which is near and dear to their hearts. Also, it is a project which is sorely overdue and hopefully publicity of the donation will generate other donations. John will look into how to set up an account for receiving donations like this.

The Trustees received a notice of Training Sessions from the Attorney General's Office. Alex will sign up for a course for new Trustees.

David will check with Richard Roberts, Road Agent, about tree removal at Ordination Rock Cemetery.

Also, David will check out who actually owns 'Ordination Rock'. The Trustees feel that they own it but want verification.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 1 PM at the Cook Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexandra Cook, Trustee