

Hinsdale Cemetery Trustees Meeting
September 29, 2016

Present: Trustees Lewis Major, Tom Woodbury, Barb Fostyck.

7:10 pm. L. Major called the meeting to order.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the minutes dated July 27, 2016 of the previous meeting.

There was a discussion of the tree work in the Hooker Cemetery.

It appears to the Trustees that a tree was removed at the Hooker Cemetery from the abutting neighbor's (Johnson) property without discussing the removal with the neighbor beforehand. This is unacceptable and the Trustees wish to see that it is made right.

Part of the tree work discussed at the last Cemetery Trustees meeting (July 27, 2016) was the removal of a tree on the Johnson's property abutting the Hooker Cemetery. The Trustees recommended its removal as it was described as a rotten tree leaning into the cemetery from the neighbor's (Johnson) land threatening the safety of people within the cemetery as well as the integrity of the historic grave markers [see minutes of July 27, 2016 meeting].

L. Major noted that the Trustees need the approval of the Selectmen to arrange financial compensation to the Johnsons, should that prove to be appropriate.

L. Major suggested that the Trustees meet with the Johnsons to discuss what can be done to make this situation right. He called Richard Johnson during this Cemetery Trustees meeting and arranged for the Trustees to meet with him at the tree (which has been taken down but not removed from the property) on Thursday, September 6 at 6:00 pm.

It was noted that Sexton Tony Orzino and Selectman Wayne Gallagher were missed and that their presence would have been helpful in determining what happened and how to proceed.

It was decided that the next scheduled meeting of the Cemetery Trustees will be Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm., the meeting to be held in the Town Hall.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas C. Woodbury, Clerk