

Cemetery Trustees
Town of Hinsdale, NH
Meeting May 11, 2017

Present: Trustees Thomas Woodbury, Barbara Fostyck, David Freitas; Selectman Wayne Gallagher arrived at 6:50 pm.

6:35 pm T. Woodbury called the meeting to order.

D. Freitas made a motion to elect T. Woodbury as Chair until the first meeting after the next Town Election. Seconded by B. Fostyck. The motion passed unanimously.

T. Woodbury made a motion to elect D. Freitas as Bookkeeper until the first meeting after the next Town Election. Seconded by B. Fostyck. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Freitas made a motion to elect T. Woodbury as Clerk until the first meeting after the next Town Election. Seconded by B. Fostyck. The motion passed unanimously.

T. Woodbury made a motion to approve the Minutes dated November 3, 2016 of the previous meeting. Seconded by B. Fostyck. The motion passed, with D. Freitas abstaining as he was not present at the previous meeting.

T. Woodbury proposed changing the official published meeting schedule to the second Thursday of May and the second Thursday of November and to have this new schedule posted on the Town website. There was discussion that the Trustees should also expect to have Special Meetings, including regular inspection tours of the Town Cemeteries.

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Regarding inspection tours of the Town Cemeteries, D. Freitas recalled that during his time as Sexton, hand-mowing some areas of the Cemeteries is required, particularly near the older, more fragile headstones. B. Fostyck noted her displeasure about the circle patterns left by the new zero-turn mower. D. Freitas also recalled that sweeping by hand is sometimes required to prevent grass buildup on grade-level headstones.

D. Freitas suggested that the Trustees might ask for funds to repair the pavement in the Pine Grove Cemetery roadways; it needs it. Perhaps in next year's budget.

There was discussion of checking the Cemetery maps to determine how much usable area remains. T. Woodbury recalled that the 2014 Master Plan indicated something along the lines of "enough room for future needs," but he could not be more specific. Perhaps a cremation-only section could be established. The Trustees should look into the issue of ensuring the Town has enough Cemetery land to meet future needs.

~ 6:50 pm Selectman W. Gallagher arrived. ~

There was discussion of the Cemetery funds and budget. W. Gallagher indicated that the Budget is set by the Town. The Cemeteries are a line item on the budget, set at Town Meeting. The Trustees may attend Selectmen's Meetings to add their input during the budget process, usually September and October. The Trustees may ask for "Manifest" reports from the Town Office to see how funds are spent on the Cemeteries monthly, mostly salaries and maintenance. The Trustees indicated that they wish to make themselves more involved in the financial process of maintaining the Cemeteries.

It was decided that the Trustees will meet at the brick shed at Pine Grove Cemetery on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm for the first inspection tour.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, D. Freitas made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by B. Fostyck. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas C. Woodbury, Clerk