

Cemetery Trustees  
Town of Hinsdale, NH  
Meeting June 8, 2017

Present: Chair Thomas Woodbury, Trustees Barbara Fostyck, David Freitas; Selectman Wayne Gallagher.

6:30 pm T. Woodbury called the meeting to order at Pine Grove Cemetery.

D. Freitas made a motion to approve the Minutes dated May 11, 2017 of the previous meeting. Seconded by B. Fostyck. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Freitas pointed out that the “ledge” at the South end of Pine Grove is too shallow for traditional graves. But perhaps it could accommodate a cremations-only section.

The Trustees noted that more attention to detail is wanted at Pine Grove Cemetery. There are flat, grade-level marker stones with the ground and grass encroaching to the point that names are obscured. Easily remedied by trimming the edges. Flat stones and the skirts around vertical stones often have grass clippings on them, also obscuring names and looking unkempt. Easily remedied by blowing or sweeping after mowing. There are several examples of vertical stones with grass growing tall between them, looking unkempt.

D. Freitas shared his own observations from Oak Lawn and Hooker Cemeteries. There are tree limbs from trees that may or may not belong to Oak Lawn Cemetery that are encroaching on the Cemetery. Some stones ought to be straightened. At Hooker Cemetery, Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale’s stone has some metal that could be painted to clean it up. The Trustees will meet at these Cemeteries later this season.

The Trustees would very much like Memorial Day to be treated as a priority. All the cemeteries should look their best, and most especially on that day.

To bring these concerns to the Town’s attention, a copy of these Minutes will be forwarded to Town Administrator Jill Collins.

It was decided that the Trustees will meet at Oak Lawn Cemetery on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm for the next inspection tour, with the intention of visiting Oak Lawn, Fort Dummer, and Hooker Cemeteries.

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 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas C. Woodbury, Clerk