

Cemetery Trustees  
Town of Hinsdale, NH  
Meeting November 16, 2017

Present: Chair Thomas Woodbury, Trustee David Freitas; Selectman Wayne Gallagher; Sexton Anthony Orzino.

6:30 pm T. Woodbury called the meeting to order.

W. Gallagher made a motion to approve the Minutes dated June 29, 2017 of the previous meeting. Seconded by D. Freitas. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion of allowing cremains to be added to an existing full burial. Other towns allow this. D. Freitas is in favor of allowing this. Discussion continued, without resolution, of whether or not to allow or require a vault; how many additional cremains would be allowed; how many marker stones would be allowed; and what the minimum depth would be. D. Freitas thinks two feet is sufficient.

Because there is no provision for adding cremains to existing full burials in the current ordinance, we would need to change the ordinance to allow this. W. Gallagher said that the way to do this is to write the amendment; bring the amendment to the Selectmen; and upon their acceptance, hold two public hearings before enacting the change.

There was also discussion of creating a cremains-only section at Pine Grove Cemetery, at the south end near the junction of Depot Street and Tower Hill Road. This section of the cemetery is believed to be mostly "ledge." We would need to probe the depth of the area to determine its suitability. T. Orzino will arrange this.

Other towns have cremains-only sections. Perhaps we can look to their ordinances for ideas regarding size, marker stones allowed, and fees. Presumably, the fee would be less than that of a full burial. D. Freitas, who has seen these locally, will go measure these sites in local cemeteries.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas C. Woodbury, Clerk