

Cemetery Trustees
Town of Hinsdale, NH
Meeting May 7, 2024

Present: Trustees Phil Ailes, Paul Barnard, and Jodie Holmquist, Selectman Richard Johnson, Sexton Gary Montgomery

Meeting convened at the Hooker Cemetery and was called to order at 6:00.

G. Montgomery discussed the large oak tree that has been hit by lightning that needs to be removed. Branches and limbs have been coming down and the tree is in danger of falling, which will damage many of the old headstones in the cemetery. Colonel Hinsdale's grave site lies next to the tree. A tree at Oak Lawn Cemetery is in similar condition. An estimate of \$6,000 was given for the removal of the two trees as large equipment will be necessary.

The Committee checked on Colonel Hinsdale grave site, which appears in good condition.

Meeting then moved to town hall for further discussion.

The committee discussed looking for grants. G. Montgomery suggested talking with the sexton in Winchester. It was thought that they had obtained some grants for the work they have had done on trees and fences. P. Ailes will reach out to them.

The budget for the 25-26 fiscal year was discussed. G. Montgomery stressed the need for a truck. He currently uses one of the Highway Departments but it is not regularly available for use. A used truck would be adequate as it only needs to be used around town.

Next meetings agenda items include: 25-26 budget, schedule for meeting times, grants, signage for cemeteries, need for new land for burials.

The next meeting will be held 6/4/24 at 6:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodie Holmquist