

Cemetery Trustees
Town of Hinsdale, NH
Meeting June 4, 2024

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

Meeting convened at the Town Hall Community Room and was called to order at 6:00.

The Minutes of 5/7/24 were approved with a correction noting that the trees that need to come down are at Hooker Cemetery and Pine Grove, not Oak Lawn).

Phil Ailes is taking a grant writing class through Cheshire County. The committee discussed using the wood from the oak tree at Hooker Cemetery to create a plaque honoring Colonel Hinsdale and naming a day to rededicate the town for Colonel Hinsdale. Phil will look for grants for this purpose. Gary Montgomery will begin to create a list of all veterans graves that would be affected if the trees fall.

Gary stressed the need for a truck for cemetery usage. Currently he has access to a Highway Department truck if it is not in use by that department and is in working condition. A used, serviceable truck would be a helpful addition. The committee discussed looking for a donation or grant. The selectman approved a notice in the next newsletter asking for a donation of a used truck.

Gary will begin to develop the cemetery budget for the 25-26 fiscal year, itemizing general supplies and maintenance and repairs.

Trust Funds were discussed. The committee needs to better understand what they are and what they can be used for.

Signage for the cemeteries needs to be uniform. What are the policies?

Room at the cemeteries is tight. There is room for 8 20 x 20 plots at Pine Grove. This represents 96 grave sites. There is a cremation only section at Pine Grove which has room for additional cremations. Pine Grove Cemetery could be extended. Is there any land near Pine Grove that might be available? It is estimated that the town has availability for 4-5 years.

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

The next meeting will be held 7/16/24 at 6:00.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodie Holmquist