

Cemetery Trustees Minutes October 18, 2023

All New Castle Cemeteries Open Annually from April 15—November 15

Minutes approval: September minutes pending approval at 4:30 PM. Maisley was out sick for September meeting and needs time to review minutes.

Prospective NCCT Mrs. Nancy Vailas attended, observed the meeting today.

Safepath / TAP

- Committee members observe what appear to be steep edges and long vertical drop-offs along the Safepath route. Curious if it complies with safety and ADA rules, regulations for such a path.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (01JUL23-30JUN24)

- We turned in the budget worksheet with explanation to Town Admn for 2024/25, Requesting separate line item for tree budget.

Remaining budget:

\$17,755.22

Burials/Paperwork/Memorials

Oceanside Burials:

- None

Oceanside Paperwork:

- Former New Castle resident submitted a written request to return, sell their Oceanside lot back to the committee. Committee voted and unanimously approved buying back the lot.

Riverside Burials:

- US Coast Guard Life Savers Service Markers were installed during a ceremony September 24, 2023. Markers were placed on graves of individuals who served at the Woods Island Lifesaving Station. Honoring Winslow Amazeen, George Ben, Silas Harding, Clifford C. Tabbutt, Charles Henry Ricker.

Riverside Paperwork:

- Preparing for Virginia L. Correll for urn interment. Lot #20, 8 grave plot at Correll family lot in New Castle Cemetery. Family requesting October 28, 2023 interment. Death and cremation certificates are received. Plot needs probing—Maisley and Terri will do this Tuesday, October 24th in preparation.
- Connolly/Lareau interment in Shed Lot 4. September 28, 2023.

Maintenance and Projects

Frost:

- Winter project to contact Historic New England, which holds the trust fund for the cemetery, about repairing stonewall.
- Ivy is creeping into neighboring property. Need estimate for needed tree topping, tree work.

Marvin:

- Tree work. Terri met with Jim Cerny and tree work at Marvin is top priority.

Prescott:

- A few stones to be cleaned and footstones to be made upright.

Oceanside:

- Oceanside flagpole needs solar light for nighttime illumination.
- Tree work near phase two needs to be done.

Riverside:

- Tarlton lots #112 section IV in Riverside. Located behind large 17'X23' lots of Andrew H. White needs probing. Our records say it was owned by Tarlton Family.
- Riverside flagpole needs solar light for nighttime illumination.

Tarlton:

- No updates

Equipment and Supplies

- Fall clean up, cleaning stones in Riverside.
- Considering a trail camera for cemeteries.

Rules and Regulations

- Metal detecting is prohibited in all New Castle Cemeteries.

Other:

- Committee received an abutter notice from the Kittery Point Yacht Club, which abuts Riverside Cemetery, alerting us of their plan to install a dock on their property facing the cemetery.
- Received invoice from Gravestone Services of New England. Bill to be paid by Northern Tree Company.
- Binnie family proposal for memorial/s approved with modifications. Committee is suggesting minor modifications to their proposal before being submitted for full approval.
- Fence post found at archaeological dig between church and town hall. This is supposed to be donated to NC Historical Society.