

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES AGENDA**

**January 17, 2024**

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

Call to order: 4:30 PM

Cemetery Trustees Present: Terri Golter, Maisley Jones

Visitors: Mr. Rodney Rowland

Minutes approval: November minutes approved 4:30 PM.

### **Safepath/TAP:**

- No updates. Ongoing flooding at Oceanside, Phase II. Flooding January 13, 2024

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

**Remaining budget:** December 31, 2023 = \$13,470.22

### **Burials/Paperwork/Memorials**

#### **Oceanside Burials:**

- None

#### **Oceanside Paperwork:**

- N/A

#### **Riverside Burials:**

- None

#### **Riverside Paperwork:**

- N/A

#### **Marvin Burials:**

- N/A

#### **Tarleton Burials:**

- N/A

### **Maintenance and Projects**

#### **Frost:**

- Timber Falls Tree Care estimate = \$1,500. Approved by NCCT and pending date from Timber Falls Tree Care to do the work. (Cut down arborvitaes, trim birch.)
- Stonewall needs repair. Historic New England may have funding for it.

#### **Marvin:**

- Trees are being removed when ground thaws, within next month.

**Prescott:**

- N/A

**Oceanside:**

- Timber Falls Tree Care estimate = \$2,500. Approved by NCCT and pending date from Timber Falls Tree Care to do the work.
- Unresolved issue of overdue balance for survey work at Oceanside. Discrepancy noted.

**Riverside:**

- Riverside Section II, lot 295 needs to be probed. Possible missing stones for the lot labeled Hall. Documentation for Ann Wentworth Smart, poet from New Castle is supposedly buried there. (Per Carol White.)
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**Tarlton:**

- N/A

**Equipment and Supplies**

- Considering a trail camera for cemeteries. What is the range of camera/s? How many will we need? Cost?
- Solar nightlight for nighttime light for flags.

**Rules and Regulations**

- Review again prior to Spring

**Other:**

- Post-holiday cleanup of holiday decorations needed. Within 30 days of a holiday. By Valentine's Day at the latest considering frozen arrangements this year.
- Following up about private family cemetery next to Riverside. Laurie Clark of 50 Laurel Lane submitted proposal for Town to take over care of Clark private cemetery. It is not within our budget at this time to take responsibility. Per past Town Manager, NCCT was informed we cannot maintain cemetery grounds on private property using public funds. At this time we unanimously vote no to decline proposal to maintain private Clark cemetery abutting Riverside Section 5.
- Request for granite bench at Riverside. Declined because there will be no new benches at Riverside. Also, high tide mark is now an issue.
- New State of NH Laws on green burials. Green burials and authorizing the natural organic reduction of human remains.
- Cemetery at New Castle Church, the extension of Frost Cemetery, where the fence post was found on the Church property. The independent archeological consulting company wants permission to use new ground penetrating technology to probe the lot.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday February 21, 2023.

**Adjournment:** 6:18 PM.