

CEMETERY TRUSTEES MINUTES

March 20, 2024

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

Call to order: 4:37 PM

Cemetery Trustees Present: Terri Golter, Maisley Jones, Rodney Rowland

Visitors: Select Board Member Jane Finn, Bill Marshall

Minutes approval: February minutes approved 4:30 PM.

Safepath/TAP:

1. No updates

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

Remaining budget: February 29, 2024 = \$13,430.22

Burials/Paperwork/Memorials

Oceanside Burials:

1. None

Oceanside Paperwork:

1. Individual contacted Terri to explain that a family member wants to bury their father in Oceanside (R48 plots 15/16 cremation). Trustees need paperwork documentation including purchase form listing people to be buried there. Planning interment for June/July. The purchase form was located during meeting and a copy was made.
2. Individual wants to inter sister's cremains in Russell plot. Probing needs to be planned and done. Family requests interment before April 17th and New Castle Cemeteries open April 15th. Family is working with Seacoast Memorials and Terri told them the cemetery committee must first approve any gravestones or markers. Terri received death certificate, cremation certificate. (R34-9). Lot needs probing.

Riverside Paperwork:

- 1.

Marvin or Tarlton Burials:

1. None

Maintenance and Projects

Frost:

1. Stonewall needs repair. Historic New England may provide funds. Rodney contacted Team Leader, Property Care at Historic New England about the Frost Cemetery funds. We are guaranteed some funds, ~\$1,300 for wall repair. We have an estimate from Rye

Beach Landscaping for \$1,852.13. Cemetery trustees voted yes, unanimously to pay for the remainder of wall repair bill. Rodney will continue working with Historic New England.

2. Neighbor contacted committee about large, overgrown trees in Frost. Cemetery committee unanimously agree not to take the birch tree down; however, the large limbs close to the utility pole with wires will be trimmed. Committee will consult with an arborist regarding arborvitaes/cedar trees.

Marvin:

1. More research is needed to determine, establish ownership. The town does not maintain privately owned cemeteries. Annually mowing, spring and fall cleanup costs ~1,500.- per year.

Prescott or Tarlton:

1. None

Oceanside:

1. Mainely Grass estimate for grass maintenance at Oceanside = \$1,420.80 is under consideration.
2. Loam is needed for sinking lots at Oceanside, Row 44.
3. TFM Surveyors completed field work, set remaining points February 8, 2024. Cemetery committee received overdue invoice for remaining \$1,948.11 which is to be paid.

Riverside:

1. New Castle resident Mr. Marshall attended to ask about his cemetery plot at Riverside. Lot was located on the map during the meeting. Lot needs probing. Campbell is section VI, 149; Marshall is section VI, 150; and Doe is section VI, 151.
2. Individual requests to plant a rose bush at lots 89 and 90. Per rules and regulations, no perennial trees or shrubs are planted on lots, perennial flowers are permitted if they are maintained. Rose bush may be planted in a ceramic pot with maintenance done by individual.

Equipment and Supplies

1. Considering a trail camera for cemeteries.
2. Solar nightlight for nighttime light for flags.

Rules and Regulations

1. None

Other:

1. In February, Cemetery trustees unanimously voted that: No lighting of any kind (including solar, battery operated, electric, etc.) allowed in town cemeteries. This is consistent with precedent set in rules and regulations on Page 6 “No artificial lights, chords, solar lights, or mowing hazards of any kind are allowed.”
2. Individual requests location of spouse’s burial in Oceanside (R1, Lot 6). Must follow up with gravedigger and/or monument company for location.
3. Gravestones, footstones in a person’s personal possession. One footstone for cemetery on a New Castle resident’s property needs to be returned. Another New Castle home may have stones in the basement.
4. Rodney will be placed on the ballot for New Castle elections in May.
5. NH Cemetery Association dues are paid.

Meeting Adjourned : 6:28 PM

Next Meeting scheduled for April 17, 2024 at 4:30