

# Final Cemetery Trustees Minutes

November 17, 2021

**Cemeteries are now closed (as of November 15<sup>th</sup>).**

Commenced at 1530 hours at the New Castle Library Building with trustees:

Carol White, Terri Golter, Holly Fraumeni

Visitor(s): Dawn Lake, President, New Castle Historical Society

**Meeting commenced:** 3:30 pm

**Minutes approved:** October

**Guest:** Dawn Lake discussed how some new board members of the Historical Society are gardeners and would like to clean up the area between the museum and the old fire station, which includes the Prescott Cemetery. They would like to clean up the area along the side, down to the roadway. They anticipate that it would be a gradual process, taking a few years to beautify. The Historical Society would like to clear the ledge and remove weeds and brambles and install native plantings. The Trustees explained what maintenance the town does regarding mowing and dead tree removal. Also, that any digging would have to be in consideration of the 25-foot buffer of cemeteries. Both parties agreed to stay in communication regarding their plans.

## **TAP / Safepath**

Terri and Carol attended the Safepath meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> to review the draft plans and ensure that they are outside of the 25-foot setback. They were advised that the plans have approximately a 30-foot setback from the Oceanside Cemetery, Phase 2 project.

## **Budget**

Remaining budget: TBD

## **Burials / Paperwork / Memorials**

Oceanside:

1. Jane (Bonnie) Newman inquired about purchasing lot 42,6. Paperwork has been received and signed by the trustees.
2. Lori Kann of Nantucket contacted Carol about purchasing a lot for her parents, William & Arlene Hand, who lived at 4 Mill Pond Road from 1998-2020. They will require 1 casket and 1 cremation. Paperwork and payment have been received for the purchase of lot 46,14, and has been signed by the trustees.
3. Linda J. Patchett (15 Old Bay Road) has inquired about burying the cremains of her husband, Brian Forrest Walsh (DOD 2018). They had purchased 47,17. Carol emailed on October 25<sup>th</sup> but has not heard back regarding burial.

Riverside:

1. Louise Aspen to be buried. Paperwork is **pending**.
2. John Pridham's cremains were buried November 7, 2021. His widow, Kathy, is working with Direct Cremation of Maine, 207-338-1433. He was a veteran so will have a military, flat stone. Paperwork has been received. The hole was dug to 12" but should have been dug to at

least 18" to accommodate Kathy's urn to be placed above John's upon her death, as space and state law permits. At Kathy's request, trustees signed an agreement that her urn can be placed on his, as space and state law permits.

3. Carol met with Tim Malloy and family on October 29<sup>th</sup> to review their memorial base near the shed. The memorial stone has been installed. The pile of dirt on the adjacent lot has not been addressed by Syphers.

### **Maintenance**

1. Richard Groton enthusiastically expressed appreciation for the removal of the yew bush in Riverside.
2. Removal of shed is still pending. The key to the shed has been provided to Public Works.
3. Terri emailed the school principal regarding dead trees on the property line shared with Marvin cemetery. Safety issues are the concern. The principal did agree to paying half the cost (\$1,675.00 each). Micum will expedite the work request.
4. The Trustees have forwarded a letter to the Selectmen requesting that the brush piles, dumping, and burns on the phase II property of Oceanside stop. No reply has been received.
5. Mike Petlick has been requested to fill loam throughout Oceanside and edge around flat stones in Riverside.

**Flags** Riverside flags will be retrieved on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Projects**

1. Micum to try and reinstall solar light on Riverside cemetery flagpole.
2. Organize cemetery records.
3. Remove Riverside sign from shed and place it on front gate.
4. Carol will inquire with Portsmouth Sign regarding how to revitalize the Oceanside Cemetery sign – whether it can be repainted or if it should be replaced.

**Equipment and Supplies** n/a

### **Rules and Regulations**

Need to reconsider number of flat stone plaques per lot for cremains.

Discussion regarding changing rules or granting exceptions.

**Meeting adjourned at 1630 hours.**

At each meeting wherein the three volunteer trustees are present, Terri obtains the floor to make a motion, Holly seconds the motion, and Carol states the motion. Discussion is pursued as applicable, and Carol puts the motion to a vote, and all approve. This includes motions on the minutes, commencements and adjournments of the meetings, and any other actions taken as necessary in the best interest of the town cemeteries. Any deviations in this process would otherwise be specifically noted.

Each monthly meeting will be held on the third Wednesday, at 1530 hours, in the Macomber Room at the New Castle Library, unless otherwise posted.