

# Final Cemetery Trustees Minutes

December 15, 2021

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

Carol White, Terri Golter, Holly Fraumeni

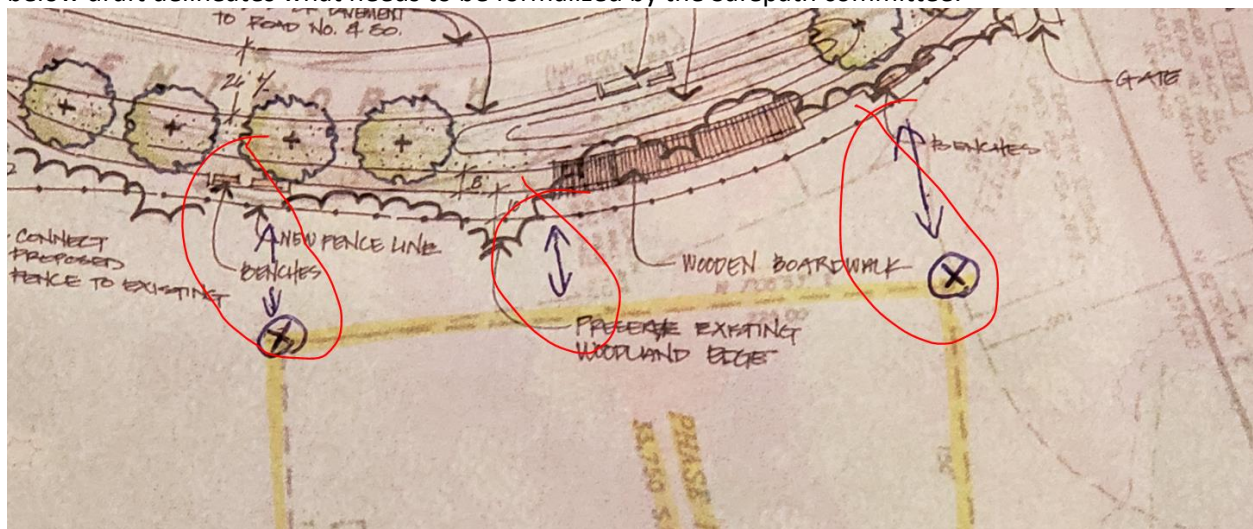
Visitor(s): N/A

Meeting commenced: 3:30 pm

Minutes approved: November

## TAP / Safepath

Terri attended the Safepath meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. It has been clarified to the project managers that the cemetery trustees require the boundaries be marked on the Safepath plan indicating both ends of the Phase 2 - Oceanside boundaries, along with the closest point in the center to show the distances from the proposed fence line (to include the shortest distance indicated between the two corners). The below draft delineates what needs to be formalized by the Safepath committee:



The committee was reminded that the cemetery trustees are responsible for upholding state law and to preserve the integrity of town burial grounds and that the town's select board has no authority to overrule the state law. New Hampshire state law, RSA 289:2, states that there shall be no new construction or excavation within 25 feet of a boundary.

## Budget

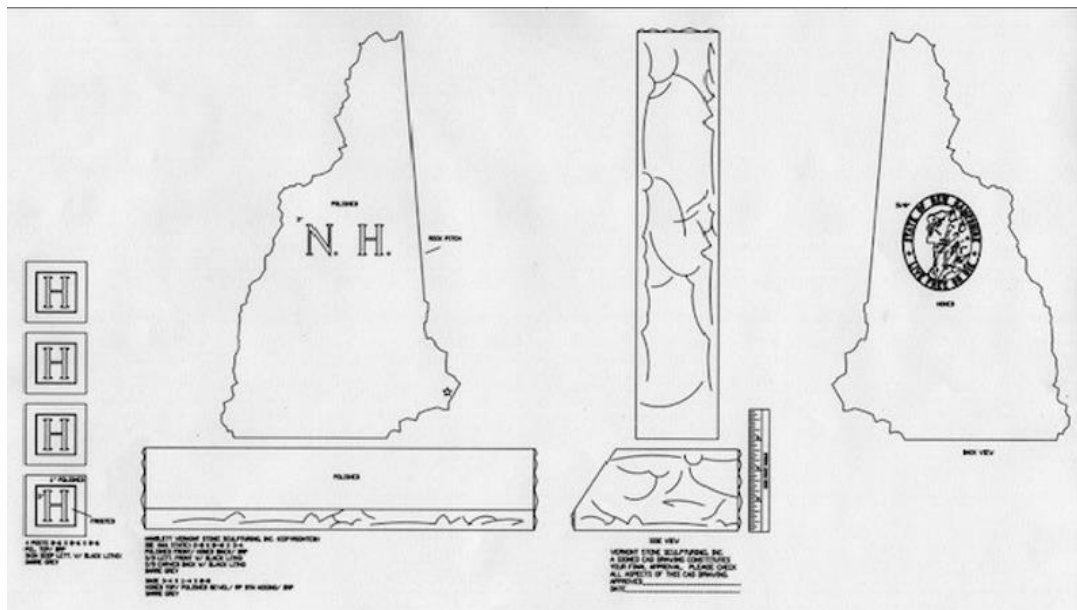
Remaining budget: \$16,645.50

## Burials / Paperwork / Memorials

Oceanside:

1. Linda J. Patchett (15 Old Bay Road) has inquired about burying the remains of her husband, Brian Forrest Walsh (DOD 2018). They had purchased 47,17. Burial is **pending**.
2. Trustees have received paperwork from Gigi Brisson to purchase lot 2,11. Payment has been received and the trustees have signed the paperwork.

3. Harvey Levin has inquired about burying the cremains of a relative in his plot, but no further details have been provided. Carol has provided him the cemetery rules.
4. Tim Griffin has marked the plot for Shirley Miles at Oceanside R16-5R. Placement of the flat stone for Shirley by the monument company is pending. Forrest Mansur from Heritage Memorials in Sanford, ME, will be placing the stone prior Christmas. Per Billy Miles (the son), burials shall be as follows: headstone placement will be in the top middle with two flat grave markers just forward of it – Arthur on the left (upon his passing), and Shirley on the right. Their three children will also eventually be buried there, as well. All will be cremains.
5. Paul Hamblett would like to install a granite memorial in the shape of NH that exceeds the current regulations regarding memorials regarding size.



The proposed stone is to be created and installed by a professional monument craftsman from Barrington, NH. They will pour a cement foundation to correctly support the base and monument stone. Once the cement slab is in place, they will set the stone base which is about 8 inches deep/high on the slab which typical is 1 1/2 below grade, leaving about 6 1/2 inches of base exposed. From there, they will install the main stone which is in the shape of New Hampshire. The stone is about 40 inches high. The overall height exceeds the 42-inch limit by 6 or 7 inches. It was determined that Coos County, the segment that exceeds current regulation, is, in itself, only 5 to 7 inches wide, and would likely not appear to be too overwhelming among the other stones. With that, the trustees have agreed to the plans and voted in favor to allow the exception to let northern New Hampshire stand.

#### Tarleton:

1. Trustees granted Steve Tabbutt permission to bury his wife, Ellie, in the Tabbutt lot, which is on the left side of the portion of the Tarleton cemetery that borders Pit Lane.

#### Riverside:

1. Louise Aspen to be buried. Paperwork is **pending**.
2. The dirt pile at the Malloy grave has been raked and level and looks much better.

## **Maintenance**

1. Removal of shed is still **pending**. The key to the shed has been provided to Public Works.
2. The school principal agreed to pay for half of the tree removal (\$1675.00). Micum will expedite the work for safety reasons, for that is of utmost concern.
3. 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. A reply is **pending**.
4. Mike Petlick has been requested to fill loam throughout Oceanside and edge around flat stones in Riverside. Terri also asked him to pull the rosa rugosa at the Riverside gate and replace them with hydrangeas when he cleans up the shoreline in the spring. Upper Prescott still needs fall clean-up.

**Flags** Riverside and Oceanside flags were 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. Flowers around the Oceanside sign.
4. Refurbish options for both Riverside and Oceanside signs. Blue on blue has been decided for the Oceanside sign. Riverside sign will remain gold on black at a cost of \$195.00.

**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.

## **Other**

**Meeting adjourned at 1625 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.