

Cemetery Trustees' October 2022 Minutes

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

Minutes approval: September 2022 minutes were unanimously approved.

Safepath / TAP

1. Terri attended the OCT Safepath meeting. Informed the group that the old town cemetery is located under Main Street, the gazebo area and the church/town hall parking lot.

Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (01JUL22-30JUN23)

Remaining budget:

Town account has \$19,381.30 remaining as per 30SEP22 budget report.

Burials / Paperwork / Memorials

Oceanside:

1. Brian Walsh burial planning for October at Oceanside. We have received documentation.

2. Paul Hamblett base for his stone is in as well as the 4 corner markers at Oceanside 46/7 (10 x 10)

3. A resident inquired about purchasing a lot at Oceanside to place a memorial stone as the family wants to sprinkle the ashes at sea. Carol explained that New Castle does not allow memorial stones and at least a small portion of the ashes need to be buried. When the purchase is made, residents are required to sign a document acknowledging this requirement. These documents are located on the town website.

4. Palmer lot's veteran's footstone is installed by Tom Laberge/Verne Wood.

Riverside:

1. Leonard Seagren's monument has been installed on his lot at Riverside.

Marvin: No updates for OCT

Tarlton: Cornerstone Tree alerted Cemetery Trustees there is a large pine tree threatening Tabbutt cemetery at Pit Lane. Terri will e-mail selectman.

Maintenance and Projects

Oceanside

1. Terri spoke with Tim again about Marking the Walsh/Packett lot at Oceanside.
2. A huge pine fell at Oceanside and has to be cleaned up. It took out fence chains. Terri will contact selectboard.
3. Reminder that we still have the granite post to put up at Oceanside that had split in two. Some chains remain down. Terri will talk to Mike again.
4. Tim Griffin will replace the sod on Beard's grave at Oceanside
5. Child of resident buried in Oceanside contacted Terri about her father's veteran plaque which was broken. The damage was due to landscaper's lawnmower.
6. Water will be shut off for season before November 15th

Riverside

1. AAA Fence to install fence some time in November.
2. Loam was delivered for Shed plots. Terri met Mike at the shed location for advice about cremation lots at that site. Recommends meeting with cemetery trustees to discuss the lot layout. Mike added 2yds of loam next to Malloy lot, may need small retaining wall to level, even up the shed plots.
3. Remainder of the tree stump at Riverside removed by Mike Petlick, GSPM.
4. Water will be shut off for season before November 15th
5. Resident requests the empty space to the Right of Luther and Luther/Amazeen plot to be probed for a possible future casket burial (3-238).

Prescott

1. No updates for October.

Frost:

1. Carol, Maisley and Terri started cleaning stones at Frost on October 8th and are scheduled to finish October 22nd. Mike Petlick will work on clean-up and beautification.

Equipment and Supplies

1. Follow up on locating probe. Terri spoke to Aaron White, Public Works about locating the probe that was left in the shed at Riverside. He will look for it.

Rules and Regulations

1. Need to reconsider number of flat stone plaques per lot for cremains.
2. "Memorial stones with no burials are not allowed." This will be added to the Rules & Regulations.
3. "Cremains shall be buried two feet deep." This will be added to the Rules & Regulations.
4. "Cremains must be placed in a permanent container or urn (not cardboard). A metal disk shall be placed over the urn prior to burial for future location." This will be added to the Rules & Regulations.

Other:

1. Carol and Terri cleaned up the Cemetery Trustees materials in the Old Fire Station October 15th. Noticed the bump out space, reserved for Cemetery Trustees, was being used by others. Carol and Terri followed up with the Historical Society about protecting this space.
2. Older flags will be delivered for proper disposal.
3. Winter project to continue to organize cemetery records.
4. Mark and code the veteran markers to deter unauthorized redistributions.
5. Carol gave presentation, "Tripping Over Cemeteries" about the history of New Castle cemeteries and remarkable stories. Motion to make her speech available on the NC Town Website under Cemetery Trustees
6. Consider budgeting more for tree work next year.

7. Carol will send updated Oceanside plan for website.