Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes March 5, 2024

The meeting was promptly called to order at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

In attendance: trustee Susan Weeks (chairperson), trustee Alana Albee and trustee Carol Bush.

The minutes of the February 6th, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

Sue reported that Chris Ruel is in agreement with TruGreen's proposed reduced hybrid approach for the upcoming season, and Alana has signed and returned the contract to the company. Alana offered to order soil testing kits for use this spring in the Town House Cemetery.

Our Bylaws need to be reviewed and discussed annually, and the trustees will read them in advance of our April meeting. Also for discussion next month will be a plan to assist Sue with filing.

Burial Transit Permits were received for Raeburn Hodgdon, Henry Chandler, Jr., Carol Sislane, Karen Baker, Eleanor I. Baker, Jan Lee Jones, Ruth Hansen and Meredith Pierce.

The workshop day with Jessica Davis has been scheduled for June 8th in the Town House Cemetery. Jessica has agreed to help us with our needs assessment reports for approximately 36 of our small cemeteries. She charges \$30/hour and estimates that it will take about 75 hours at a cost of about \$2,250. The trustees voted to approve her proposal with the proviso that we receive advance notice of her cemetery visits so that at least one trustee can accompany her.

Sue will contact Guy Pike to ask if he is interested in being our Sexton since he is not seeking reelection as a Selectman. He has already told Sue that he is available to help with installing corner markers.

Sue estimates that all the available Town House Cemetery plots will be sold in about 10 years. The cost to get our 5 acres on Brown Road ready for future burials should be included in our next CIP projections. We will need estimates for surveying the cemetery, clearing the trees, stumping, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting of the cemetery trustees will be Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024 at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees