

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2023

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

In attendance: trustee Susan Weeks (chairperson), trustees Carol Bush and Alana Albee, and volunteer sexton Guy Pike.

The minutes of the August 1, 2023 meeting were read and approved with no changes.

Sue reported that Chris Ruel who has taken over from Mark Eldridge has concerns with the excessive turf growth in the Town House Cemetery. Guy will ask Mark for his maintenance notebook and will give it to Chris. Chris requested a drive-around to view our old cemeteries on a rainy day when he has availability. Chris gave Alana an estimate of \$3,500 for 500 feet of fencing at the Town House Cemetery. Alana will speak with the abutters, the owners of Spider Web Gardens and will report back.

The trustees approved the following payments: \$2,362.50 to Chris Ruel for cemetery maintenance and \$503.84 and \$412.50 to TruGreen for the final 2 turf treatment at the Town House Cemetery.

A workday at the Town House Cemetery will start at 10 AM on Saturday, September 9th weather permitting with the goal of clearing flat grave markers from excessive overgrowth.

Alana's 3rd draft of revisions to our cemetery rules was discussed with several changes suggested. The sexton's role and increasing the sexton's compensation was also discussed along with increases to our fee schedule. Decisions will be made at an upcoming meeting along with increases to our annual budget for maintenance and old cemetery restoration. Alana would also like to discuss our expendable trust fund monies at an upcoming meeting.

The trustees approved the application for purchase of burial rights from Edward and Evelyn Clark, summer residents at 17 Wawbeek Road #4 in Melvin Village. Sue assigned them plot G55 for 2 cremation graves.

The trustees also approved Weston Burnett's request to install a metal sculpture of 2 mini blue spruce trees with a height of 2.5 ft. in place of the overgrown trees that were removed from their family plot in the Town House Cemetery. Alana offered to send him a letter acknowledging our approval.

Sue brought up the need to work on our cemetery files, and Alana offered to help organize them.

Carol and Alana will present our submitted proposal at the September 27th meeting of the Capital Improvements Program committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next meeting of the cemetery trustees will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary
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