

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2023

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

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

The minutes of the March 7th, 2023 meeting were read and approved.

Sue, Carol and Guy welcomed newly elected cemetery trustee Alana Albee. Former cemetery trustee Guy Pike will be our volunteer sexton, and he will continue to attend our meetings as time allows.

Sue, Carol and Guy provided helpful information to Alana regarding our current cemetery policies and rules, as well as upcoming projects such as tree removal and gravestone repairs. Sue noted that she has received a second email from Jake Brooks indicating that he is still willing to complete tree work that was contracted last year. She also talked about the summer workshop with Jessica Davis who will instruct on proper headstone cleaning techniques and repairs at the Dow Cemetery.

Sue handed out copies of current cemetery regulations and fees for the towns of Moultonborough, Sandwich, Tamworth, Wakefield and Ossipee to be reviewed and compared to our rules and fees with discussion to follow at upcoming meetings. Also, to be discussed are green burials, columbarium-like structures and designated common areas for cremated remains.

Guy presented an invoice from Hancock Lumber in the amount of \$41.49 for rebars used for corner markers. Payment was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Guy provided a map of the Tracey Chiappisi burial site showing access over the Ledoux property agreed to by the owners. Sue explained to Alana that this is not yet an official cemetery.

Officers were elected for the upcoming year:

Susan Weeks, chairperson

Carol Bush, secretary

Carol noted that we need to change our July meeting from Tuesday, the 4th since it is a holiday. It was agreed that we would meet the following day, Wednesday, July 5th at 5 PM.

Sue reviewed the budget with Alana and answered questions about cemetery maintenance. Sue described how we take “drive around” inspection tours of many of our cemeteries once the weather improves with Mark Eldridge who caretakes our cemeteries.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

The next meeting of the cemetery trustees will be Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees

