

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
May 2, 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, volunteer sexton Guy Pike, plus members of the public: Mr. Kiah and Mr. and Mrs. Hackl.

The minutes of the April 4th, 2023 meeting were read and approved with one correction.

Mr. Kiah's application for a full burial plot was approved. However, he will be burying cremated remains and had questions about the process since he prefers not to use a funeral company for the burial.

Mr. and Mrs. Hackl would like to purchase multiple burial plots in the Tristram Copp cemetery located on their Ledge Hill Road property. Various plot sizes and headstone options were discussed, and it was decided that the trustees would meet with them at the site on Tuesday, May 9th at 4:30 PM.

An application for burial permit for Barbara Louise Dorr was approved.

Guy reported that Mark Eldridge has started clean-up in the Town House Cemetery. Damaged areas are quite evident, and Sue will contact TruGreen regarding turf repairs and improvements.

Sue met with Cami Wakefield in the town office to obtain copies of cemetery deeds from the past year. Sue found a spreadsheet of past plot sales, but it has not been updated since 2017. Sue will work on getting the data updated.

The Mark Haslett family has submitted 5 separate applications to purchase burial plots. Sue will call them to confirm the number of plots and sizes needed.

We have received copies of the NH burial transit permits for William Tryder III, Alma Bechard and Diane Faith Nelson.

Jessica Landry has paid and received her deed for plot CR1-9 in the Town House Cemetery.

Our cemetery rules were discussed and compared to other nearby towns. It was felt that we should change the "no dogs" policy to allow dogs that are leashed as long as owners clean up after them. Glass vases, large arrangements that interfere with maintenance, wind chimes and solar lights are some of the current violations. Alana offered to work on the presentation of rules at the entry gates with the goal that more people will stop to read them and abide by them.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The next meeting of the cemetery trustees will be Tuesday, June 6th, 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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