

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
July 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 June 6th, 2023 meeting were read and approved.

Sue and Carol had a site visit on June 12th at the Moses Thompson cemetery located beside the Garabedian's house at 279 Mountain Road. Measurements were taken, and it was confirmed that the cemetery is 45' x 45', and that there is adequate room for additional burials for their family members. The Garabedians were present along with Lloyd Wood who identified trees that he will pay to have removed. He also intends to build a stone wall around the perimeter which he will also pay for.

Sue reported that she met with Mr. and Mrs. Hackl on June 27th at their home on Ledge Hill Road to discuss the Tristram Copp Cemetery located in the field behind their home where the Hackls would like to purchase multiple burial plots for extended family members. Sue informed them that available plots will be in keeping with our revised regulations and will be dependent upon available space. The next step for them is to apply for burial rights.

Four payments were approved by the trustees: \$198 to Preti Flaherty for legal services, \$713.25 to TruGreen for lawn servicing, and \$467.49 to TruGreen for grub prevention treatment. It was noted that TruGreen made a free service call to the Town House cemetery for additional weed control. \$49.50 was also approved for 2 trash cans purchased by Sue for placement at each gate at the Town House cemetery. She will ask Jack Parsons to let Bill Graham know that they will need to be emptied regularly.

We received a town check for \$950 for 5 plots that were recently sold. Sue will fill out the required form listing each sale individually and will submit it along with the check to the trustee of the trust funds.

Alana presented a draft of revisions to our cemetery rules. Discussion followed with additional changes noted. Alana will type up a second draft for discussion at our August meeting. Increasing our fees will be discussed as well. Alana also compiled a list of our small cemeteries indicating name, location, status and needs. Carol suggested a column indicating when each cemetery was visited by the trustees.

Alana wrote an article for the next edition of the Tuftonboro Times about our recent workshop at the Dow family cemetery and inviting the public to attend our September 9th work day at 10 AM at the Town House cemetery.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

The next meeting of the cemetery trustees will be Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary
Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees