

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022

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

In attendance: Trustee Susan Weeks (chairperson), Trustee Guy Pike, and Trustee Carol Bush.

The minutes of the May 3rd, 2022 meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Sue Weeks reported that she met with town selectmen to discuss protocol when interested purchasers of burial rights and others seek information from town employees about burial plots and procedures. It was suggested by the selectmen that Sue make a list of steps for the public to follow, and this list will be handed out by town employees when inquiries are made. The list will also be added to cemetery information already posted on the town website.

Carol Bush reported that the June 4th workshop conducted by Jessica Davis at the Field-Jones Cemetery on Sodom Road was a success. Several dozen volunteers attended and worked from 9 AM to noon cleaning headstones under the direction of Jessica. The group was organized by Jeffra Burke Kill of the Lakes Region Genealogy club, and she intends to plan another workday at a different cemetery next year.

The trustees had to cancel their June 1st inspection/tour of cemeteries due to inclement weather. Another date will be scheduled.

Sue Week spoke with Kathy Melanson Sutherland who reported about a mix-up with her mother's grave many years ago. Apparently, the plot was incorrectly marked, and when the mistake was discovered, the trustees at that time planted a flowering pear tree at the grave site to compensate for the error. This tree was recently removed during routine cemetery maintenance. We have no record of this story, and once Sue explained the situation, Kathy had no further issues with the tree being cut down.

Sue Weeks had spoken with Dick St. Onge some time ago when he inquired about selling his plot back to the town. Dick has moved away, and Sue would like to get in touch with him so that we can resell the plot, but she does not know how to reach him.

Guy Pike and Sue Weeks reported that they have identified and marked the plot of Andrew Tarbell's infant who died sometime in the 1980's. Apparently the grave was never marked by the family.

We have received a \$700 check to be deposited into our expendable fund.

Sue Weeks, Guy Pike and Carol Bush viewed the Tibbetts-Young Cemetery on Route 109A and agreed that would be a good cemetery for Jessica Davis to work in this summer repairing stones. Sue will contact Jessica to make the arrangements.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM. The next meeting of the cemetery trustees will be Tuesday, July 5th, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees

