

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

In attendance: Chairperson Susan Weeks, Carol Bush, Greg Buck and Mark Eldridge. Charlotte Allen was unable to attend due to her work schedule.

The minutes of the May 7, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction.

Prior to the meeting, Sue, Carol, Greg and Mark met in the Town House Cemetery to look at the Bashe plot. Margaret Bashe is scheduled for burial on 6/8. Greg pointed out that the headstone was misplaced, and burial will encroach about 1 foot into the roadway. All agreed that this was acceptable versus moving the stone which is in alignment with the abutting stone. Mark pointed out where he has recently removed some overgrown trees and shrubs.

Application for purchase of burial rights has been approved for the Vaillancourt family and the Burleigh Realty Trust. Also approved were 3 invoices: \$2,485 for Mark (26 hours for mowing and clean-up), \$125 for Greg's services and \$62.71 for supplies ordered by Greg from Surv Kap, LLC. A check for \$850 has been received for the sale of burial rights. In the past month there have been 2 full body burials (Hart and Colby) and 1 cremation burial (Ketcham).

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Sue and Carol did a 2 hour drive-around viewing of a number of cemeteries including Moses Copp, Hansen, Melvin Church & Grave by the Lake, Jones, Whitney-Glidden, Fields-Jones-Hunter, Thomson-Moulton, Moses Thomson, Briard-Libby, Welch, Bradbury Burleigh, Tuftonboro Corner, Emery and Canney. The last cemetery on the route is about 150 ft. off Dame Road and could not be located. Sue took photos of some of the cemeteries needing work and compared them to photos taken of the same cemeteries in 2013. We will need to budget a significant amount of money per year (possibly \$10,000) for removal of large trees in some of these cemeteries.

Sue noted that the town has a new 2019 Procurement Policy. Jobs over \$15,000 need to be put out for competitive bids.

A request was made for the town to allow monthly payment plans for the purchase of burial rights. The selectmen felt it was up to the cemetery trustees to decide. After discussion it was agreed that this was not a good idea.

Sue and Carol will be attending the NH Municipal Trustees Training in Gorham on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 2 at 5:30 PM. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees