

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2019

The meeting was promptly called to order at 5:30 PM. In attendance: Chairperson Susan Weeks, Trustees Charlotte Allen and Carol Bush and Sexton Greg Buck. Guy Pike attended briefly.

The minutes of the September 3, 2019 meeting were approved.

Sexton Greg Buck's invoice for \$255 was approved.

It was agreed to buy back 5 burial plots (B27 – B31) from Gaye Hodgdon at the price originally paid per Cemetery Rules. The \$1,000 refund will come from the "public" expendable fund.

Application to purchase burial rights was approved for Susan Newton. Plot C47 will be sold to her for her deceased son whose father is buried in plot C41. Burial will be on 10/5/19.

David Vaillancourt's application to purchase one plot was approved. He already owns plot F49 and it was agreed to sell him plot F50.

Heather and Tyler Phillips also applied for purchase of burial rights and were approved for plot F51.

Gerald and Carol Zimmerman's application to purchase was approved for 2 plots, E45 and E46.

There are 3 gates at the Town House Cemetery in need of locks (2 single gates and 1 double). Greg will research pricing and will order them.

Sue suggested a policy for applicants who go to the town office to apply for the purchase of burial rights. Karen Koch will email a copy of each application to Sexton Greg Buck and the Trustees which will expedite the process and help to determine which plots are available.

Sue met with the Selectmen and proposed an additional \$10,000 in our budget for tree work, and they also discussed the possibility of grant monies. She advised them on the status of our insurance claim for damage at the French Cemetery. She has contacted Nat King Stone Works for an estimate.

Carol reported that the broken fence at the Thomas Cemetery has been fixed. The Marriott family paid for the repairs, and Charlotte offered to send them a thank you note.

Charlotte also offered to write an article for the newspaper seeking donations for stone wall repairs and tree work.

Sue offered to contact Tim Morrison about assistance with tree work at the Canaan Valley Cemeteries.

Guy Pike suggested that the winter months when the ground is frozen is the best time to schedule tree work for cemeteries with difficult access.

Jessica Davis suggested laying down the damaged stone at the Grant Cemetery to prevent further damage until she can repair it. It was agreed that we should try to schedule her for more hours of needed headstone repair work.

Charlotte prepared a helpful Cemetery Maintenance Report for Mark Eldredge to use detailing dates when work was done, what was performed and what is still needed.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees