

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2019

The meeting was promptly called to order at 5:30 PM. In attendance: Chairperson Susan Weeks, Charlotte Allen, Carol Bush, sexton Greg Buck and caretaker Mark Eldridge.

Mark's invoices for cemetery maintenance work for \$1,200 and \$1,950 were submitted and approved.

\$62.71 was approved for payment to Surv-Cap for monuments for cemetery plots.

Sue, Carol and Mark visited a number of abandoned cemeteries on 8/12 and 8/19. More cemeteries will be visited on 9/8 beginning at 4 PM. A tremendous amount of tree work is needed in many of the cemeteries. Sue is photographing each cemetery and compiling a notebook of photos.

Carol spoke with property owner Chuck England about his trees that might damage the Phineas Graves Cemetery. He agreed to inspect them.

The Marriott family has agreed to pay for the fence repair at the Thomas Cemetery on Tuftonboro Neck.

Jessica Davis of Brownfield, ME has repaired several broken headstones and cleaned them at the Edgerly Blake Cemetery. She was unable to fix one stone. Her fee is \$1,000.

Considerable damage has been done at the French Cemetery due to a recent wash-out. Sue will look into the possibility of an insurance claim.

Greg's invoices for sexton services in the amount of \$200 were approved for payment.

Laconia Monument has the stone ready for the grave of Foster Lee Davis. Greg will work on placement. Dick Frye needs to know where his wife is buried. Greg will research the burial records.

Funeral director Rick Gagne has offered to assist Greg in moving the abandoned headstone base. Installation of gates by Steve Hunter at the Town House Cemetery is anticipated for later this month.

It was agreed that Laureen Hadley has the right to purchase 2 cremation plots and 3 full plots for her parents and her family. Sue will contact Laureen to confirm requested location of plots.

Sue suggested adding \$10,000 to our budget for tree work. The trustees will have a special meeting on Monday, September 16th at 5:30 PM to work on the budget.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees