

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 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. Former cemetery trustee Guy Pike also attended.

The minutes of the October 1, 2019 meeting were approved.

Guy Pike spoke to Gary Brooks and received a \$300 estimate to remove the damaged tree at the Field Jones Cemetery. No crane will be needed to do the work. It was agreed that Sue would contact Gary. Sue has spoken with Tim Morrison about the 2 cemeteries by Camp Sentinel regarding tree removal work. Sue will speak with the camp director to discuss permission for tree work on camp property. It was noted that solar lights are not allowed in the Town Hall Cemetery, and Guy briefly left the meeting to remove several of them.

Sexton Greg Buck's invoice for \$190 was approved for payment. Greg reported that Lord Funeral Home removed the abandoned headstone base in the Town Hall Cemetery.

Nat King has not returned Sue's calls regarding an estimate for repairs at the French Cemetery. The Selectmen suggested she get a quote from someone else to submit for an insurance claim. Steve Hunter will provide the estimate. He submitted a \$4,500 invoice for the Town House Cemetery gates which the trustees approved for payment.

An invoice for \$9.99 was approved for payment for folders and a binder that Charlotte purchased for maintenance forms. This will be given to Mark Eldredge to document his work. Sue is waiting to receive invoices from Mark for his work over the last two months. Charlotte also reports that she mailed a thank you note to the Marriott family for the fence repair work at the Thomas Cemetery. Sue reports that she recently visited the new family cemetery at the Marriott compound on Tuftonboro Neck.

\$1,000 has been paid out from our public expendable funds to Gaye Hodgden for her 5 plots: B27 – B31. It has been a busy month with burial plots sold to Gerald and Carol Zimmerman, Heather and Tyler Phillips, David Vaillancourt and Susan Newton.

Charlotte reminded the trustees about the 2 estimates, each for \$3,700, from Set in Stone Masonry dated 10/27/18 for stone wall repair work at the Phineas Graves Cemetery. No action was taken by the trustees and discussion followed regarding cemetery repair priorities on our limited budget.

Charlotte has volunteered to write a newspaper article asking for private donations to our expendable fund for needed repairs (trees, walls, headstones) at many of our cemeteries.

Sue reports that we have nearly \$11,000 left to spend in our budget for this year. The selectmen have advised that we consider going through the bid process when hiring out work. Discussion followed about the merits of using the same reliable service providers vs. hiring new ones.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 5:30 PM. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees