

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2019

The meeting was promptly called to order at 5:30 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Office.

In attendance: Chairperson Susan Weeks, Trustees Charlotte Allen and Carol Bush and Sexton Greg Buck.

The minutes of the November 5, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Sexton Greg Buck announced that he may not attend another meeting until spring unless necessary. In the meantime, he will work on setting up a spread sheet to organize and program in burial information. The trustees voted to approve payment to Greg for up to 8 hours of work on this project.

Sue commented that we could also use a better office filing system.

The trustees voted to approve payment in the amount of \$2,835 to caretaker Mark Eldredge for 81 hours of clean-up work in 28 cemeteries.

Approval was also given for payment of \$300 to Gary Brooks for tree work. He took down the hanging branches at the Field Jones Cemetery and is interested in doing more work for us. He does tree climbing and is capable of working in remote cemeteries inaccessible by equipment. Sue will ask him to submit a proposal for the Andrew Roberts Cemetery off Route 171. We can use unexpended monies from this year if the work is contracted for by the end of this month.

Sue also mentioned that she discussed a potential warrant article with the Selectmen that would allow us to hold over any unspent money that was not contracted for designated purposes. The Selectmen will seek legal opinion on this matter.

The insurance company rejected the first claim that was submitted to repair damage at the French Cemetery. It was not detailed enough. Steve Hunter has now itemized the \$3,800 estimate and it has been re-submitted.

Sue met with the Selectmen and the Budget Committee and reports that they are "on board" with our proposed budget in the amount of \$27,750, an increase of \$4,300 over this year's \$23,450 budget. The trustees voted to approve an invoice in the amount of \$122.04 from Sexton Greg Buck. Discussion followed regarding sizes for flat markers. Greg will call Laconia Monument to find out if there are standard sizes.

The trustees have received a letter which Sue read from Weston Burnett. In it he complained about 2 large spruce trees that were removed from his family's plot. It is our policy to maintain and upkeep lots, and all inground plantings including trees are prohibited per regulations. This policy is posted on the town's website. Sue will draft a letter to Mr. Burnett explaining our policy.

Sue brought up the possibility of setting up a 501C3 organization that could be called "Friends of Tuftonboro Cemeteries". She will talk with the Tuftonboro Association about the logistics.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Office. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees