

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2020

The meeting was promptly called to order at 5:35 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

In attendance: Chairperson Susan Weeks, Trustees Charlotte Allen and Carol Bush and Sexton Greg Buck. Former cemetery trustee Guy Pike attended briefly.

The minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting and the December 28, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

Sue provided an update on tree work by Gary Brooks Tree Service. They have just finished cutting and trimming at the Andrew Roberts Cemetery off Route 171, and the property owner is very appreciative. The next 2 projects will be trimming at the Bean Cemetery on Tibbetts Road, and tree cutting at the McKenny - Glidden Cemetery off Route 171. Permission has been received from Scott Riley to cross over his property to access this cemetery. Sue will ask Gary Brooks to meet with the caretaker of Camp Sentinel to discuss tree work at the Edward Grant Cemetery prior to the camp opening. Sue indicated that we have about \$10,000 to spend on tree work this year.

Greg presented his invoice of \$125 which was unanimously approved for payment. He discussed his recent computer work setting up a spreadsheet for organizing burial records. Sue recommended leaving enough room for individual burial dates, and Charlotte suggested that veterans be noted. Carol will ask Harold Chamberlin if he can provide us with a list of interred veterans.

The trustees will have a work session at 5 PM at the town offices on January 13th to organize files.

Charlotte announced that her term is up this year and that she will not be running for reelection.

A letter was received from the Selectmen citing the need for brush trimming by the road and at the entrance to the Town Hall Cemetery. We will arrange for this work once the winter is over.

Sue noted the need for a public notice for discussion of changes to our rules at our next meeting.

Sue has contacted Attorney Mark Puffer for his opinion on the need to notify abutting property owners prior to tree work and what is the responsibility of these abutters for trees and branches surrounding the cemeteries that might fall and damage the cemetery and headstones. Carol will contact the England's whose property is next to the John H. Graves Cemetery regarding their problematic trees.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees