

Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees
Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2020

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

In attendance: Chairperson Susan Weeks and Trustees Carol Bush and Charlotte Allen.

The minutes of the February 4, 2020 meeting were read and approved. Sue and Carol presented Charlotte with a box of sweet treats and a thank you card. This was Charlotte's last meeting as a Cemetery Trustee, and her service to the town over the past three years is greatly appreciated. Charlotte donated 2 books to us: "The Graveyard Preservation Primer" and "Stories in Stone".

Sue reported that she has spoken with our Sexton, Greg Buck, about discontinuing work on a spread sheet containing burial information. She feels that we should have someone else work on it who is more skilled with data entry. Sue also spoke with our cemetery maintenance man, Mark Eldridge about her recent meetings with Gary Brooks and his upcoming tree work. Sue just found out that Gary has passed away, and we will wait to hear confirmation that his sons will continue the Gary's tree business and our pre-arranged cemetery tree work.

Sherry Burnett of Portsmouth, NH and Sue have emailed several times about our cemetery rules and regulations. Sherry would like to clean up her family's plot in the town cemetery and do plantings. Sue and Sherry agreed that she can place temporary flowerpots on exposed tree stumps instead of doing inground plantings. Sherry will remove the pots at the end of the season.

Dr. Lovett on Sodom Road contacted Sue to say that there is a dead bull pine in the Bean Cemetery behind his house. He got a quote of \$8,300 from Bartlett Tree Service to take it down. He is willing to contribute to this expense and would like us to help with the cost. Sue will try to get another estimate. Sue also got an inquiry from Carol Bense on Tuftonboro Neck Road regarding the Thomas Cemetery next to the Marriott estate. She would like to have the contact information for the Marriott family as she is seeking to obtain a family burial plot. Charlotte will get the information for us.

Ann Hackl who was the chairperson of the Graveyard Committee of the Tuftonboro Association has given us several boxes of her old files. They contain proofs, photos, notes, etc. from the mid-1990's when the committee published their book about the Tuftonboro cemeteries, graveyards and burial sites. Charlotte volunteered to assist if we decide to update the book.

Attorney Mark Puffer has drafted a notification letter and permission form to send to abutting owners of abandoned cemeteries where we plan to do tree work.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees