Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes July 7, 2020

The meeting was promptly called to order at 5:30 PM at the Tuftonboro Town House since the Town Offices were not available for meetings due to COVID-19. In attendance with social distancing: Chairperson Susan Weeks, Trustees Carol Bush and Guy Pike, Sexton Greg Buck and Mark Eldridge.

The minutes of the June 2, 2020 meeting were read and approved with 2 spelling corrections.

Sexton Greg Buck requested a \$50 pass-through charge to the fee schedule. The trustees agreed that this is a reasonable request. Guy offered to check the rules as this change may need to be brought up at a public hearing.

The trustees met with Jean Evans at the Field Jones Cemetery to discuss an appropriate plot for her husband's ashes. The trustees voted to approve the sale of a plot in an open area at the roadside corner, and Guy will show Mark Eldridge where trees need to be cut and trimmed to delineate that side of the cemetery boundary. Guy offered to lay out the Evans plot. Guy and Greg discussed ordering cap markers for the rebars. This is the first sale of a plot outside of the Town Hall Cemetery that the trustees could remember approving.

Mark Eldridge's invoice for cemetery mowing in the amount of \$3,150 was approved for payment. Mark noted that significant lawn damage has been done at the Town Hall Cemetery possibly by wild turkeys and reseeding will be needed.

The Burnett family has contacted Sue since they are still concerned about the appearance of their family plot. They asked permission to plant a perennial garden. Sue informed them that this would not be allowed.

The trustees approved 2 applications for the purchase of the right of burial, both from Tuftonboro residents. One was from Thomas Eftim of 1 Willand Road, and the other was from Mr. and Mrs. William Follansbee Sr. of 6 Aspen Drive. Discussion followed about placing 4 flat markers on one plot with 4 cremation graves. It was agreed that this would not pose a maintenance problem and would be allowed.

Guy reported that he has not gotten a return call from Skip Cope about hydroseeding at the French Cemetery. Guy purchased a veteran's marker and placed it on Frank Stockman's grave.

Sue reported that the budget needs to be corrected and will wait for next month's expenditures report.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 PM. The location will be at the Town House unless the Town Offices have reopened by then for meetings. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees