Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes February 7, 2023

The meeting was promptly called to order at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

In attendance: Trustee Susan Weeks (chairperson) and Trustee Carol Bush. Trustee Guy Pike was absent.

The minutes of the January 10th, 2023 meeting were read and approved.

Sue Weeks reported that she is still working on the logistics of the Chiappisi plot buy back.

Sue has recently been in contact with Ann Hackl about the Tristram Copp Cemetery off Ledge Hill Road that our Selectmen have declared abandoned. In order for burial to be approved in an abandoned cemetery such as this one, one must apply to the trustees to purchase a plot. The trustees will then make arrangements with the applicant to view the site (except in winter) to determine if there is appropriate room. This can be difficult in old cemeteries where there may or may not be depressions indicating unmarked graves.

Sue will suggest to those such as Ann who are interested in being buried in our small cemeteries that they consider an alternative which is establishing a new cemetery on their acreage. This can be done with approval from the Planning Board for a minor subdivision with an easement to the site. This alternative may appeal to those wishing to keep our small and historic cemeteries "as is" and undisturbed.

We received an application for the right of burial from Mark Haslett of 4 Union Wharf Road for multiple family members. Sue will contact him to find out how many cremation plots he wishes to buy. She will explain to him that 4 cremated remains can be placed in one full body 4' x 10' plot with 4 flat markers and/or one large upright monument.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

The next meeting of the cemetery trustees will be Tuesday, March 7th, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

Public attendance and input are encouraged.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees