Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes April 5, 2022

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

In attendance: Trustee Susan Weeks (chairperson), Trustee Guy Pike, Trustee Carol Bush and Mark Eldridge.

The minutes of the March 1st, 2022 meeting were read and unanimously approved.

Mark Eldridge who does our cemetery maintenance discussed work for the upcoming season, including tree and brush removal, leaf removal and prioritizing which cemeteries need the most work. Mark suggested another "ride around" with the Trustees to view as many cemeteries as possible to formulate a list of needed improvements. Sue Weeks will look at her calendar and will suggest some dates for late April or early May. The Trustees also discussed with Mark the upcoming hydroseeding at the Town House Cemetery; it was noted that Blue Ridge Landscaping recommended mowing of the grass less frequently and not as short to allow for healthier turf to fill in and grow.

Trustee Sue Weeks has confirmed with Jessica Davis that we will have a cemetery workday on Saturday, June 4th at the Fields-Jones Cemeteries on Sodom Road. Stones will be repaired and cleaned with Jessica providing guidance on proper methods to use. There is adequate parking along the road although carpooling is suggested.

Trustees Sue Weeks and Guy Pike will arrange a time in the coming weeks to meet at the Town House Cemetery to set the markers for Timothy Osner and Christine Doetsch who have purchased two full body plots. They will also check on the Barker plot markers.

The Trustees voted unanimously to request that the Town provide us with monthly financial statements showing budgeted monies and monthly expenditures for our cemeteries. Sue Weeks will make the request.

Trustee Sue Weeks has been contacted for information regarding our policy should someone wish to sell back unused cemetery plots to the Town. Sue informed the inquiring party that we are able to buy back plots, but we will only refund the price paid for them at the time of purchase which may not necessarily be the current price.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

The next meeting of the cemetery trustees will be Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022 at 5:00 PM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices. Public attendance and input are encouraged.

Submitted by Carol Bush, Secretary, Tuftonboro Cemetery Trustees