

Town of Grantham
Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2016

Cemetery Trustee Chair Warren Kimball called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. at his home in Grantham, NH.

Present: Chair Warren Kimball and Trustee Russell Bailey.

Absent: Trustee Christopher Paquette and Secretary Martha Norris.

New Business:

➤ Repairs at Brown Cemetery:

Kimball stated that information had been received from former cemetery sexton and trustee Ed Buckman with regards to direction on future use of the area between the Brown Cemetery and Burpee Hill Road. Buckman would like to remove some old trees and stumps and clean up the area around the rock wall and plant some fruit trees. Buckman said that maybe the towns people would like to share in the fruit from the trees.

Bailey stated that he had met with Buckman and felt he had a great plan and he supported it, but asked Kimball if he has submitted any written plans with regards to the future maintenance of the fruit trees. Kimball said that they do not have a specific lay out of where the trees will be planted or future maintenance of them and would talk to Buckman about this.

Kimball said there will be someone else helping with this project of taking down and cleaning up the area and they would also need to have their certificate of insurance to do the work on this property. Bailey and Kimball went over the two bids, one from Todd Turksbury and Buckman combined for taking down eight (8) trees, grinding up the stumps and overall cleanup was \$3600.00 and the same job submitted by John Fox for \$5000.00. Both Kimball and Bailey agreed on the first bid for \$3600.00 was appropriate. Kimball stated they would send a message to Buckman about their decision.

➤ Rules of Adoption for pets at cemeteries:

Kimball stated that it has come to his attention that people are walking their dogs at the Grantham Memorial Cemetery and not cleaning up after them. He believed that some sort of signage is necessary for this and had not heard of any problems with the other cemeteries.

Bailey suggested that they check with any existing Town Ordinances to see what is covered if one exists that requires people to pick up after their dog. Bailey also suggested in reminding people to do just that with signage.

Kimball said that he would look into this.

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➤ Recognize Repairs completed at Hastings Cemetery:

Kimball stated that Alec Hastings, a descendant of the Hastings, and his brother Duncan Hastings have been doing some repairs on the headstones that have either been damaged or fallen down over the years at the Hastings Cemetery located on Burpee Hill Road. A. Hastings has been in contact with secretary Norris and had received permission to work on these repairs through Kimball. A. Hastings has since sent several photos via email to Norris with before and after photos of the repairs that have been completed thus far and she had forwarded them to Kimball, Bailey and Paquette.

Kimball stated that the Cemetery Trustees certainly appreciate the job he's doing along with their efforts. Baily said that after looking at the photos of before/after they have done an excellent job piecing back together the old large headstones to almost original conditions. Kimball said that they would send out a thank you note in appreciation of their great work and everything they do helps keep up the cemetery and makes it look good. Bailey agreed.

➤ Painting of fences at Dunbar Hill Cemetery:

Kimball stated that he had received a call about getting the two (2) fences at Dunbar Hill Road Cemetery painted. He said that he had not yet received any bids from anyone interested at this time. Kimball said he will continue to look into this.

Old Business:

Kimball stated the Cemetery Budget that was agreed upon at the last meeting in March 2016 seems to be working out at a reasonable rate and feels pretty comfortable all of those values are still acceptable for their budget year for 2017 – 2018. Bailey agreed.

Adjournment:

Kimball asked if there were any further questions, there being none the meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes prepared by,

Martha Norris
Cemetery Secretary