



FINAL
GRANTHAM CEMETERY TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
Teleconference Only
May 19, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Trustee Chair C. Peter James called the meeting of the Town of Grantham Cemetery Trustees to order at 6:33 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

He read the following statement “As Chair of the Cemetery Trustees, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu’s Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Board is authorized to meet electronically, and these reasons shall be reflected in the minutes.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor’s Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, this is to confirm that we are providing public access to the meeting by telephone and other electronic means. Notice of the meeting was given, as required by RSA 91-A, and included details for participating in the meeting. Members of the public will be invited to speak and recognized by the Chair. If, at any time during the meeting, there becomes a problem with access please call 603-863-6021 or email at: info@granthamnh.net.”

Trustee Chair James continued by taking a Roll Call of those in attendance. He asked each member to state their presence and whether anyone else was in the room during the meeting, as is required under the Right-to-Know law.

PRESENT ON THE CALL: Trustee Chair C. Peter James, Trustee Ralph Beasley, and Board Clerk Emily Owens.

RESIDENTS ON THE CALL: Grantham Conservation Commission Member Dennis Ryan.

- II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AND APRIL 21, 2020:** Trustee Chair James recommended a removal of “newly elected” from the April 21st meeting minutes under header III New Business section f Election of Trustee Chair. Trustee Beasley made a motion to approve the minutes from February 18, 2020 and the amended minutes from April 21, 2020, seconded by Trustee Chair James. *Approved Unanimously by roll call.*

III. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Approval of Invoices:** There were no invoices to approve since the April meeting.

- b. Memo on Cemetery Operations and Coronavirus Pandemic:** The Trustees put together a Memorandum regarding Cemetery Operations and the Coronavirus. The memo will be placed on the Town website under Cemetery Trustees and a copy will be mailed to Warren Legacy. Trustee Beasley made a motion to accept the Memorandum, seconded by Trustee Chair James. *Unanimously by roll call.*
- c. Research Concerning Ground Probing Radar:** Trustee Chair James sent the Trustees information regarding ground probing radar. He is suggesting the Trustees try the technology on the Fisher Cemetery prior to digging the granite posts. Additionally, he thought Grantham Mountain View Cemetery, with its enclosed area and lack of headstones could benefit from the radar. Trustee Chair James briefly looked at a website and the cost was \$150.00 per hour, with a two-hour minimum. Trustee Beasley thought the cost was reasonable and the idea had merit. Trustee Chair James will investigate further for the next meeting and look into having the company demonstrate the technology when the Board is meeting in-person again.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fisher Cemetery:** Grantham Conservation Commission Member Dennis Ryan joined the meeting to discuss the future Trustees' plans for the Fisher Cemetery. The Trustees are planning on adding granite posts and chains around the plot. CGG Member Ryan offered to remove the current fence to assist the Trustees. Trustee Chair James explained that the Board wanted to probe the ground with radar, prior to digging around the site, and he cautioned this might take some time. He offered to notify GCC Member Ryan when the Board was close to removing the fence. GCC Member Ryan agreed and vocalized his support of the positive changes the Board was planning.
- b. Cemetery History:** This item is tabled until the pandemic issue is resolved.
- c. Review Regulations:** This item is tabled until the pandemic issue is resolved.

- V. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Beasley, seconded by Trustee Chair James and approved unanimously by roll call to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. The next Trustee meeting is scheduled for May 19th, at 6:30 p.m. location to be determined.