

Cemetery Trustee Minutes 7/18/23

Meeting began at 7 PM in Cheri's car in the parking lot as the Town Office was locked. Jim couldn't make it at the last minute. Members present were Cheri and Beth.

We looked over the minutes from June 22, but did not vote to approve since Jim was not here and Cheri was not at the June Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mowing: This seems to be in good shape. The Poulins have been keeping up. At the moment, the two big cemeteries need to be mowed, but we've had a ton of rain!!

Hobb-Sweat: We have contract with Dale Dukette to do new fence. Beth left message on his answering machine on 7/18 at 6:30 PM, asking when he would be doing so we can take some photos.

Gravestone Cleaning: Future dates are: August 12 and August 29.

Cemetery Stone Repairs: None done yet, but Cheri will check which stone in Lakeview needs to be done and also will check with Keith, the man who does the repairs. A stone has tipped over in Proctor; Laconia Monument said they would re-set next time they are in the cemetery.

Also, a large tree branch has fallen in Proctor; it is in the way of mowing, so hopefully the Poulins can move it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget for 2024. We went over last year's budget and jotted down tentative figures for 2024. We don't know yet the cost for mowing so we just estimated but the total for the year was only a little more than last year.

Mowing: We should have the Poulins come to our August or September meeting to discuss whether they want to do the mowing again next year....if so, what will the cost be. If they want the job, we do not have to put out to bid again.

We need to talk with the new owners of Osborne property on Flaghole Road to see if we can get access to the old cemetery on their property. Cheri will contact Samantha Poulin as she has the name of the owners.

We still need to have Wood Sutton show us where the old cemetery is on Brick House Lane; Beth will contact to see if we can pick him up so he can direct us in August after Cheri & Dana are back from vacation.

Cheri had some info regarding Green Burials that she passed out. We should be thinking about this. She suggested we have someone from NH Funeral Resources and Education come to one of our meetings to educate us so we can think about options. She will contact them.

Beth told Cheri that she does not intend to run for cemetery trustee in March when her term comes up for re-election. We'll be thinking of someone who might run. Cheri will write an article for the Beacon at some point asking for volunteers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Beth Frost, Sec'y