



Meeting Minutes Milford Cemetery Trustees April 20th, 6:00 PM

Meeting began with the approval of the prior meeting minutes.

Chair Yule remarked that we can conduct any business during a working group meeting since they are also public meetings.

We discussed the format of our future meeting minutes, using Ms. Chris Costantino's format which turns the agenda into minutes.

DPW budget and staff are both quite limited for Cemetery projects and work in general.

Discussed the Milford Garden Club undertaking the placement of flowers at 'flower fund' gravesites. Sherry Diamond, President of the Milford Garden Club is working at the Elm Street Cemetery and preparing for placement of flowers at all cemeteries prior to Memorial Day.

21 May at 10 a.m. at the Riverside Cemetery is the work party date. We will be placing flags in the flag holders donated last year by the Milford VFW. Mr. Duffy has invited the Milford High School Baseball Team to participate. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard will be placing a new flag on the flagpole. Hitchiner Manufacturing is going to donate coffee and doughnuts. Honoring the veterans will be the theme.

Mike volunteered to request a camera from Granite Town Media and record the event for later broadcast.

The MilfordGarden Club will be placing the flowers Thursday, 26th & 27th of May. DPW will remove the flowers at the end of the season.

An important issue is to have our Town Council assist with the codification of the loss of the documentation concerning the Flower Trust and how to proceed going forward.

Mr. Yule will send a letter requesting guidance from the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Duffy discussed reopening the Flower Trust Fund for new members and Mr. Yule remarked that we

need to be cautious since each individual Trust was individual and separate. We know the initial funding amounts but cannot locate the founding documents. The fund only has access to the interest from those funds, period. We must document the past and our plans for the future.

Mr. Duffy thanked the Woodman Family and the Langell Family and one more (spelling).

Mr. Yule discussed GIS versus the NRPC's location scheme. We will proceed with planning for the water system at Riverside Cemetery to begin. Mike volunteered to fill temporary water barrels until the water system becomes a reality.

We will each walk the Cemetery properties, hopefully together. Document the 'walks' with a personal camera. The next Working Group meeting is Monday, 9 May at 9 a.m. at the Riverside Cemetery Maintenance Building.

The formal May meeting will be 18 May at 6 p.m. in the Board of Selectmen's Chambers.

Wednesday 22 June at 6 p.m. in the Board of Selectmen's Chambers will be the formal June Cemetery Trustees meeting.

Chair Yule discussed the requirement to review and possibly revise our Rules & Regulations. He outlined the possible intrusion of trees onto a 'family plot' over the years and the impact that would have on the usability of the plot. Mr. Duffy remarked the dates flags are permitted to fly at gravesites (Warrant Article at the March 2022 Town Election. We each need to review the existing rules and regulations. M. Duffy remarked that he has the rules & regulations for the St. Patrick's Cemetery for our consideration.

We have set a date to formalize our rules changes by our July meeting.

Next meeting we will discuss stump removal at all cemeteries. Mike asked if the wood could be sold for funds to improve the cemeteries. Discussed the difficulties with such activities and the possible net gain from these activities.

Discussed possible Warrant Articles for contingent and emergent events. West Street water being turned on soon was discussed if there is NO leak in the supply line. Mr. Duffy brought up re-erecting fallen stones. Mike asked if we could also consider including damaged stones being repaired properly, as done by Chuck. Mr. Duffy remarked that plot perimeter stones within the scope of that project.

Mike remarked on the possibility of enlisting community volunteers and Chair Yule mentioned advertising our meeting dates on Social Media to boost public attendance.

Mike mentioned the possibility of a Barbecue near the end of the Summer with a program teaching about "what is a Veteran" and 'how you can distinguish a Veteran's grave.'

Meeting was adjourned upon a motion, second, and unanimous vote.