



Meeting Minutes Milford Cemetery Trustees March 30th, 6:00 PM

Cemetery Trustees 30 March 2022

Initial introduction by Jay Duffy

Election of Officers:

Chair - John Yule Nomination - Mike Thornton

Vice - Jay Duffy Nomination - John Yule

Recording - Mike Thornton nomination - John Yule

Business: Intent to invite Mr. Robert Courage to a new position as Cemetery Trustee Alternate with intent to seek one other.

Flower Fund records have not been located in any of the 6 vaults maintained by the Town of Milford.

Flowers will again be placed on a regular basis. Rodney Woodman initiated the Flower Trust in 1939. The State is not able to locate any information either, unfortunately. We must approach the Town Administrator, Mr. John Shannon to document the current situation and seek legal advice. Ongoing records shall be duplicated electronically and filed in cross referenced locations.

Betsy, a Woodman by birth, has retired and Jess Woodman has volunteered to assume ongoing responsibility for this position. Until any records are located, everyone shall receive co-equal treatment.

Regular Cemetery Trustees meetings for the Public and working group meetings with the DPW in morning meetings at the DPW will be scheduled and published. Next meeting will be at the DPW at 9 a.m., Monday, 11 April 2022.

Location of all interred persons via database. Past mapping by two Eagle Scouts is an excellent beginning. Recommend to include Latitude and Longitude for exact geolocation.

According to Mr. Lincoln Daley, Director of Community Development, the Town has sufficient sites, at current use rates, for approximately 25 years. Part of the Town owned Brox Property has been

earmarked for Cemetery use in a more distant future. Organic Burials were discussed as a possibility for the future as a place for "Green Burials."

The State Fish & Game Commission wishes to earmark large segments for environmental protection programs. That Agency has been slow to respond or completely non-responsive to Town enquiries.

Intend to prepare a master plan for the Milford Cemetery Trustees for residents reference and append as they may see beneficial.

Called for community volunteers.

Brought up plans for regular weekend Community Cemetery Workdays with public participation highly encouraged. One of the first initiatives is to plan, approve, and install a maintainable water supply system for West Cemetery with detailed 'blowout instructions.' The older systems will be 'abandoned in place' with no attempt to document the locations or states of repair. The systems shall be equipped with a lockout to be activated only by the Milford DPW. We will require a Warrant Article to raise funds for this project.

North Yard is eldest (private) cemetery, next is Elm Street, Union Street, West Street, and Riverside being our newest cemetery.

Must prepare a regular budget request for the Town for recurring expenses and Warrant Articles for Capital outlays.

Standing Monthly Meeting: Forth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Board of Selectmen's Chambers. Next meeting 20 April 2022. May need to adjust at a later date.

Issues: Stumps removal, Eroded or Broken Gravestones, Stone cleaning, Tree Removal, and a regular plan for routine maintenance programs. Gravestone cleaning via privately owned engine powered pressure washer and gentle cleaning solutions.

Stone scrap for research and monument company's advice for cleaning.

21 May 2022 Flag Placement Day

Matt Mayberry Wreaths Across America in New Hampshire - John Yule.

Next working group meeting: DPW, Monday, 11 April 2022, 9 a.m.

Alternative: Riverside Cemetery Break-room

Email Chain for Bruce, IT Director.

Virtual Training is available at no cost through NHMA membership or payment is available through Mr. Paul Calabria, Town Finance Director.

Use the Chris Costantino spreadsheet for our minutes and action item tracking - sets the agenda for ensuring meetings.

Adjournment: 7:14 p.m.