

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2023

A meeting of the New Boston Cemetery Trustees was held on June 7, 2023 at 5:58 PM, Town Hall meeting room. Warren Houghton, Trustee opened the meeting, seconded by Almus Chancey, Chairman with all members in favor. Also present: Gail Stout, Trustee, Maureen Mansfield, Superintendent of the Cemetery and Tom Mansfield.

Meeting minutes of the June 15, 2022 meeting were read. A motion was made by Warren to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Almus. The motion passed unanimously.

Warren noted the cemetery maintenance contract with Maureen Mansfield was approved and signed on April 19, 2023. Because the Town Budget was not approved by the voters, Maureen stated the maintenance contract will remain at the same amount as the prior year at a total cost of \$31,400. This consists of four (4) payments to be issued as follows:

May 1, 2023	\$ 7,850.
June 1, 2023	\$ 7,850.
August 1, 2023	\$ 7,850.
September 1, 2023	\$ 7,850.

Warren reported all the headstones targeted for repair had been completed and that Alex Pendlebury had done an excellent job. There was discussion about continuing with the headstone repairs. A motion was made by Warren to fund \$5,500. for the current year to continue with the repair of additional headstones which will include the cost of loam and hardpack that may be needed as well. The motion was seconded by Almus. The vote passed unanimously.

All in attendance were pleased with the removal of the large root in the cemetery roadway and the tar sealant work that had recently been completed.

There was discussion regarding the removal of brush, and other unwanted vegetation from the lilac bushes at the cemetery. Warren made a motion to fund up to \$ 2,500. for the purpose of removal of brush from the lilac bushes at the Cemetery. The motion was seconded by Almus. The motion passed unanimously.

Warren reported the repairs at the Hearst House need to be done. The southeast corner of the building should be repaired this year and the roof replaced and the chimney repaired next year. Gail made a motion to fund up to \$2,500. to repair the southeast corner of the Hearst House and to get quotes for the roof replacement and the chimney repair. The motion was seconded by Almus. The motion passed 2-0-1. Warren abstained from the vote.

Maureen stated the rock wall along Cemetery Hill Road needs additional clay and the roadway needs a swale of some kind to prevent erosion and provide better drainage. Tom volunteered to speak with the Town of New Boston Road Agent regarding this matter.

Mr. Hayes, Trustee of the Trust Funds joined the meeting at 7:03 PM. He shared a spread sheet with all in attendance that included the current status of the Cemetery Trust Funds as well as a summary of activity over the past ten years.

A motion was made by Warren, seconded by Almus to Adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gail P. Stout". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gail P. Stout, Clerk

cc: Maralyn Segien