

# **TOWN OF NEW BOSTON**

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**June 15, 2022**

A meeting of the New Boston Cemetery Trustees was held on June 15, 2022 at 6:02 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.

Warren welcomed Gail Stout as the newest member and thanked outgoing member Gregg (Clete) Peirce for his time served as a Cemetery Trustee.

Warren noted the cemetery maintenance contract with Maureen Mansfield was approved and signed on April 8, 2022. Included in the contract was an increase of \$500. above the prior year at a total cost of \$31,400. This consists of four (4) payments to be issued as follows:

May 1, 2022	\$ 7,850.
June 1, 2022	\$ 7,850.
August 1, 2022	\$ 7,850.
September 1, 2022	\$ 7,850.

Warren reported that the cemetery wall has been repaired. All but one (1) of the damaged headstones have been repaired. Peterborough Monument is scheduled to work on the last headstone the week of June 13, 2022. Payment by the Town with funds from the insurance company will be issued upon completion. Repair costs totaled \$6,814. (\$2,189 and \$4,625.)

Warren reported the trustees voted last year to fund \$4,000. from the Cemetery Trust Funds to upright headstones. There was discussion to increase the amount to \$5,500. for the current year. Warren also reported 1 to 2 yards of hardpack (estimated at \$150.) and 1 load of loam (estimated cost \$200. is needed for maintenance. Motion made to fund these purchases, (\$5,500. /\$150. /\$200.) from the Cemetery Trust Funds by Warren, seconded by Almus. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion regarding repair of the cemetery roadway raised by the pine tree root near the pine entrance. Warren made a motion he would check with the New Boston highway crew to assist with cutting the tar, seek out a grinding machine to grind the stump down, and repair. The motion was seconded by Almus. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding spraying the cemetery roadways. Did we think it would help save the tar? Almus thought it would. Warren made a motion to obtain 3 estimates/quotes on the spraying of the cemetery roadways. The motion was seconded by Almus. The motion passed unanimously.

Warren reported the Hearst House roof needs replacement. He suggested the Trustees consider funding this project next year. A suggestion was made to follow up on the status of the repair of the southeast corner of the Heart House.

Gail reported she had an inquiry from a New Boston resident regarding acceptance of natural burials. There are currently no allowances for a natural burial in any of the New Boston cemeteries.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM. Respectfully

submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Gail P. Stout". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gail P. Stout, Clerk

cc: Laura Bernard