

Town of Gilford

Cemetery Trustee Meeting

April 21, 2010

Town Hall Conference Room B

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| Members Present: | Susan Leach | Chairperson |
| | Judy Cott | Vice Chairperson |
| | Dee Chitty | Secretary |

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Trustee Minutes for March 3, 2010 Leach/Chitty

New Business:

- A. Susan reported that Carr Cemetery had one of the main wall rocks spray painted orange. She felt it may have happened during surveying the abutting property. She corrected the orange by covering it with another color temporarily and will see if she can alert the people working there that the law states 25 ft. from cemetery walls.
- B. Judy reported the need for one parking spot at Carr Cemetery. Currently there is no safe place for maintenance crews to park. She asked if perhaps Sheldon could look into the possibility of having one designated spot.
- C. Dee reported the announcement from N.H. Attorney General's Office, N.H. County Prosecutor, Law Enforcement Officials, FBI, Dr. Boisvert, and Rep. Belvin which stated sale of human remains and grave goods are now prohibited in New Hampshire. RSA 227-c:8-j
- D. After the N.H. Cemetery Association meeting in Boscawen on 4/14/2010 the need to update our Cemetery business cards, for Gilford, was apparent. Dee reported they are on order.
- E. Susan reported that after current research it is apparent that Elijah Bean,

buried in the Hoyt Cemetery, is not a Revolutionary War soldier. The dates do not confirm. He would be Civil War soldier.

F. Judy reported that we will be decorating the Revolutionary War soldiers again this year for Memorial Day. She saved the flags previously donated by The Wilkinson Beane Funeral Home, as well as the flag holders that Bill Cott donated.

G. Dee brought the information for the Cemetery Trustees meeting to be held June 3, 2010 @ the Concord Holiday Inn. This is the annual update on the laws and requirements for our cemeteries. Susan will not be able to attend. Judy and Dee will be attending. Reservations are required due to the limited handbooks and handouts. Dee will register two for Gilford.

H. Dee reported that Bob Morgan had volunteered to help with tree and brush removal at our cemeteries.

I. Dee gave a report on the budget expenditures. Harry Gordon had asked if the stone walls were going to be repaired this summer. He needs to schedule his projects for the summer so that no one is left out. The group decided that we need to make sure the tree work is complete at Weeks and then we will confirm stone work according to budget restrictions. Susan is going to check into the current progress on tree removal.

Old Business:

A. Susan reported Attractive Landscapes had begun clean outs at the cemeteries and she will report on progress being made.

B. The group reviewed the meeting in Boscawen. All felt it was informative and worth the trip.

C. Dee talked about the groups currently involved in different drama festivals, theater, and plays. We are hoping to obtain interest from one of the groups to help with the Bicentennial Cemetery Walk. We also received a call from Marion Gardner who would like to give some information.

D. The next Heritage Meeting will be held May 14th. The Trustees plan on having a booth again this year.

E. We discussed Bicentennial book updates. All three Trustees are busy gathering information.

F. Dee reported that Ray Haidaichuk had volunteered to use his blacksmith skills to create the Weeks Cemetery gate. Susan said she also knew someone who was interested. Further discussion at next meeting. Ray will be dropping off his plans at the Public Works office.

G. Judy is going to be looking into the restoration signage for Weeks Cemetery.

H. The group is hoping to get together at James Cemetery this summer since there are stones that need immediate attention.

I. We also discussed the need to notify volunteers of work needed. After winter we need to make people aware of the immediate needs.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

A True Record Attest:

Dee Chitty
Secretary