

Town of Gilford
Cemetery Trustee Minutes
Meeting held in the Supervisor/Trustee Office
August 17, 2011

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

Absent: Sheldon Morgan Steward

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Review minutes from July 20, 2011

Motion to accept minutes Leach/Cott

Old Business:

Discussion on installation of the Weeks Gate donated by Ray Haidecki and the work currently being done on the Grant Cemetery gates by Rick Mini was discussed. The group agreed to look at the painted Grant gates and compare the two to powder coating at the next meeting. All agreed a decision as to which method to use on the Weeks Gate needed to be made at the next meeting in order to have the gate in place this fall.

D. Chitty reported she had been contacted by Jessica Felen, who had submitted a proposal to fix 10 cemetery stones during the 2011 budget process. Her fee had been approved in the Historic Cemetery budget. The group discussed having Jessica work on one severely broken stone in Hoyt Cemetery and some of the more detailed Weeks Cemetery stones.

S. Leach moved to have D. Chitty contact J. Felen and begin the 10 stones. Leach/Cott

3. D. Chitty passed out copies of the revised Pine Grove & McCoy Cemetery rules for the group to review and approve at the next meeting.

S. Leach requested that the group get the tree removed at Hoyt Cemetery which was also approved in the 2011 Historic Cemetery Budget. D. Chitty mentioned getting one more proposal to see if there is a cost savings. D. Chitty mentioned a local climber who has a reputation

for quality work and affordable pricing. The group agreed to get a quote before proceeding. S.

Leach will contact and receive written quote.

New Business:

D. Chitty asked that the group meet every two weeks during the 2012 budget process. The group agreed.

D. Chitty reported the dates for first two steps towards the Cemeteries Budget process. The Trustees & Steward will meet with Scott Dunn, Town Administrator, followed by The Board of Selectmen. D. Chitty further explained the need to gather any quotes and requests now.

D. Chitty also expressed the need to finish up the Rules and Regulations, as well as finalizing all the revised and new forms. She stated there had been an increase in the volume of requests for lot transactions, research, and questions. The group agreed to work towards accomplishing these goals.

D. Chitty stated there had been a request for lot transfer. The group agreed to have D. Chitty speak to Mark Hubbard, from Dignified Cemetery Service, to get his experienced opinion on some new cemetery lots within Pine Grove.

Discussion on corner markers followed. D. Chitty had called Laconia Monument for a price quote. Frank Shaw stated for a complete set, with initials, the cost is currently \$220. Without initials \$180. It was noted that Belmont has made cornerstones mandatory in their 2011 rules. The Trustees agreed that cornerstones are definitely an asset to lot layouts, and also makes all visitors, to the cemetery, aware of walkways and lot position. The cost of burial was reviewed. All agreed to not include corner markers as mandatory, as this may add financial stress to families.

J. Cott asked the group for preference on the new brochure cover picture. All agreed the Weeks Gate was definitely appreciated and deserved acknowledgment.

D. Chitty mentioned some pending cemetery transactions. All are currently on hold until the families final wishes are confirmed.

The next Cemetery meeting will be September 7, 2011. 9:00 a.m. in the Super/Trust Office, at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

A True Copy Attest:

Dee Chitty
Secretary