

Town of Francestown Cemetery Commission
Minutes of Meeting April 21, 2022 FINAL

Present: Polly Freese, Ethel MacStubbs, Bridget Howell

Meeting commenced 9:30 a.m.

Draft of Minutes of Meeting of March 18, 2022 submitted for approval.
Approved as written, subject to correction of typos.

Bill submitted from Scott Carbee for \$275, which included pruning Liberty Elms at Cemetery, and crabapples and river birch trees. He also picked up brush and clip. As to budget, payment under 4195-06, landscaping.

Gates are open, they (road crew) put in new holes for gate poles and Polly thanked Gary. Scott will glue on new latches.

Re: Gill plot. Lots 24, 21. Polly went down with Dan Keaveny to probe and made sure there are only two coffins. Polly suggested putting corner markers to them. Mary and Charles in both in Lot 21. We will mark corners when Kathleen Gill gets back to us. Mary is in 2, Charles in 1. Date of Charles's death in on stone. Dan did probing for no charge.

Re: Meeting of the N.H. Cemetery Association. Trustees Polly, Bridget and Ethel attended meeting and lunch on April 7, 2022 in Manchester. Very worthwhile discussion of Green Burial. Bridget will get reimbursed for \$105 (she paid for all 3 attendees for meeting tickets at the door.)

RE: getting town input on green burial. Bridget asked Jamie about cost of town wide survey by mail on subject. He said bulk mailing would cost at least \$100 and would come out of our budget. He said we could create a Google survey and put on town website. Jamie came to meeting said Google could work but Effie concerned about lots of people not on-line. Jamie suggested alternative: put in Francestown News with survey and online. We pointed out to Jamie not everyone reads the News. No decision.

Ethel messaged Green Mount cemetery in Vermont as to various questions regarding green burial, eg how do they come to prices, for both digging and interment, do they have many requests, do they do "hybrid" e.g. mixed in with traditional graves. No answer yet.

Polly has talked to our Sexton, Dan, and Jellison has done green burials. We need to talk to him further about how they can be involved if we have one- eg will we require families to hire sexton to prepare grave. Other needs for family education: how to care for body, time limit by law to bury, prep of gravesite.

Expert Lee Webster has name of guy at Mt Auburn. Bridget will email Lee and get name of consultant. N.B. Bridget talked to Lee, she said ask for Regina Harrison, who helps people with options (she is in sales). Her email is rharrison@mountauburn.org.

Polly suggests we work on set of proposed rules and then consider getting input from community AFTER we get something agreed upon.

Polly has notified Bryant that gates open.
We have one more year on contract with Bryant per Polly.

Discussion of posting hours at TWO side gates. Agreed it is a good idea and we will get two sides made.

Agreed we will join NH Old Graveyard Association. We will give to Jamie to mail application in with check.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 10th at 9:30.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.