

**Cemetery Commission –Town of Frankestown**  
Minutes of Meeting - October 19, 2020

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Polly Freese, Ethel MacStubbs and Bridget Howell in attendance.

Minutes of meeting of Meeting of September 25, 2020 reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes approved, subject to corrections in spellings.

1. Millers have turned off water in cemetery 3 for the winter. No bill yet. Polly collected jugs in cemetery.
2. We have been paid for the Munson family plot and we will need to execute deed.
3. RE: Budget for Cemetery Commission in 2021. In September meeting, we voted unanimously to submit to town of Frankestown same budget for 2021 as approved for 2020. Agreed in this meeting we will not revisit that decision.
4. Richard Edwards cremains were buried last Saturday (October 10, 2020). Small memorial and burial for Ed Jones was also held on the same day. Peter Crawford's remains buried on October 3, 2020.
5. The Cemetery Commission had published in the Monadnock Ledger Transcript, as required by statute, a notice to reclaim abandoned property. Time to file claim has expired. No claim filed. Family noted slight typo in spelling of name. Motion by Bridget, pursuant to Commission's right under statute, to reclaim abandoned and unused lot – (right hand lot in Plot 150, middle right section, under names William C Eaton and Nancy Hoyt Eaton). Seconded by Polly. Approved unanimously. As to lot, Ethel will contact interested prospective buyer about sale.
6. Call from someone to do home burial. Polly gave information that NH law says you can do this and she referred them to NH [Funeral.org](http://Funeral.org). We will discuss further next meeting.

7. Discussion of possible “green burials” (we have had inquiries but no specific deaths where this service requested). Current rules allow it with restrictions of upside down vault. Trustees agree we should continue discussion at next meeting. Trustees agree that people inquiring can be told burials are allowed but we have requirement of upside down vault.
8. Bryant did seeding and fertilizing of specific sections of Cemetery No. 3, per prior request from Commission. Polly moves to take \$1,000 out of general cemetery maintenance trust fund. Bridget seconded motion. Motion unanimously passed.
9. Further discussion of green burials in Cemetery No. 3 in middle and south sections. Possible trip to view Wilton’s Laurel Hill Cemetery. Agreed we need new green burial guidelines and Bridget will look into samples of other cemetery rules.

Meeting adjourned at noon.