

**Cemetery Commission of Francestown
Minutes of Meeting on July 6, 2023 (FINAL)**

Present: Polly Freese, Ethel MacStubbs and Bridget Howell, Trustees
Meghan Hardwick, Janet Taft Alternates

Meeting commenced 3:30 p.m.

Motions by Ethel to approve 1) Minutes of June 14, 2023 meeting regarding green burial and 2) Meeting of meeting of Cemetery Commission held on June 12, 2023. Motions seconded and passed, with minor change in minutes of June 12, 2023 regarding artificial flowers discussion.

Current business:

- Discussion of current rules regarding artificial flowers. Motion to revise language to say the rule for place is "for safety reasons related to mowing". Motion to do this unanimously approved. Bridget will put in changes and post.
- Discussion of topic of changing language in our "CEMETERY PLOT DEED" to include "right to inter." No decision reached, but Bridget will draft some language for discussion for next meeting for right to inter and other issues and change "internment" to "interment."
- Question arose as to current prices for corner markers. Peterborough Granite called and said 6 inch size price is \$250 for four, 4 inch price is \$200 for four, but price is \$195 if person purchases monument from them.
- Memorials/burials. The service for Ron Baptiste was held on June 17, 2023. There will be burial of Curtis Prest (cremains) this summer in Lot 239A. Ethel will get birthdate and death date to Bridget. Loring Prest is our contact.
- Leavitt markers are in. Services later this summer.
- Green Burial:
Bridget will contact Ben Haubrich about dates for giving trustees and alternates a view of property of "annex" or clearing on Woodward Hill as an example of selective cut.
- Bridget will contact Lee Webster on issues of experts on developing Green Burial Cemeteries.
- Ethel met with Bev Abbot and Eleanor Kiblin about idea of marker for where Poor Farm residents buried. There appears to be dip in land in front of shed that could be burial spot. Ethel will ask Dan to probe (located to West and South of big shed).

Meeting adjourned at 5:30.

