Cemetery Commission of Francestown Minutes of Meeting - April 20, 2023 (FINAL)

Present: Polly Freese, Ethel MacStubbs and Bridget Howell Meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Motion to approved last meeting minutes (October 5, 2002) made and seconded. Minutes approved.

- Polly notes that we have outstanding request from Cathleen Gill. Her father, Charles Gill purchased 8 sites Plot many years ago and she would like a deed. We have and address for her but she has not answered calls. We show plot in Mr. Gill's name in our records and corner markers are in Cemetery No. 3. Trustees will follow up.
- Discussion of Schedule of Fees. We need to modify language to show corner markers are required and Peterborough Marble and Granite Works is the recommend supplier. Fees for purchase will not change. Language agreed upon and Bridget will edit the document and send to Town for posting.
- Polly notes we need one more pedestrian access created through stone wall in cemetery No. 3 (between middle and north sections). Polly will contact Kris Stewart about doing this work.
- Storm damage work. Bryant Landscaping will do some and Scott Carbee will do some. Before we tap cemetery maintenance trust fund, Jamie Pike tells us he will attempt to get these storm damage clean up costs paid by FEMA.
- Polly called Millers to turn on water in Cemetery 3. No date yet.
- Lot sales pending or on the horizon:
 - 1. Jane family. They chose 2 burial lots last year which appeared to be unoccupied, but had to wait for reclamation proceeding before purchasing. Pursuant to N.H. law, Trustees had Notice

of Abandonment and Reclamation published in Monadnock Ledger on November 22, 2022. No claimants came forth to date. (There is 60 day window to make a claim). Bridget and Ethel want to consult with Dan Keveany, Sexton, before issuing deed. Lot would be 221A. Ethel has contacted Dan.

- 2. Maureen Baptiste is purchasing Lot 382A for burial of Ron Baptise. Deed drafted by Ethel and check collected. Family is thinking of service on June 17, 2023.
- 3. Brian Leavitt wants to identify and stake out burial lot (for cremains of his parents, Richard and Lois). They already have 4 lot plot. Trustees will do cemetery meeting with Brian.
- 4. Mr. Krueger wants to tour cemetery to find lot for burial of ashes of his late wife, Patricia. Trustees will set up meeting.
- Discussion on need for alternates on Cemetery Commission. We are allowed up to two, but need Select Board approval of people. Motion by Ethel to search for willing volunteers and, when approved by Commission, to present to Select Board. Motion seconded and approved.
- RE: Deb Adams' idea to recognize Lois MacAdam's efforts to replace cyclone fence with stone wall. Ethel will check with Deb Adams on status of plaque Deb is donating.
- Idea of acknowledging burial of Poor Farm residents raised by Eleanor Kiblin and Bev Abbot. Trustees agree this is a worthwhile project. They have offered to purchase a flat stone for memorial. Bev and Eleanor are doing some more research. Polly mentioned Lot 332 grave of William McLine and his daughter may be related to this subject.
- Ethel is going to create signs for receptacles next to shed indicating what is trash and what is to be saved (e.g. old Christmas decorations we need to remove from graves).
- Green burial...Bridget and Ethel will continue research. Agreed we should do informational presentation for Francestown citizens. May 26 picked for date. Ethel will publish in Francestown News. It would be 6:00 p.m. at Town Offices.

Meeting adjourned noon.