Cemetery Commission of Francestown

Minutes of October 2, 2021 Meeting (FINAL)

Present: Polly Freese, Ethel Mac Stubbs and Bridget Howell

Draft of minutes of meeting held June 9, 2021 approved without changes.

- 1) New deeds for Mc Sweeney, MacInnes and Ames families were signed by the Select Board and new files cards made. Kevin Mc Sweeney's burial was 9/25/2021. Corner markers on Ames lot are in per Mr. Ames.
- 2) Tree in No. 2 Cemetery has been taken down by Andrew Grant's Tree Service. Cost was \$600 and came out of cemetery trust fund.
- 3) Budget issues. a) Polly notes that our grounds maintenance fees from Bryant Landscaping increase yearly but we usually agree to pay increase out of perpetual care trust fund (accrued interest). Trustees agree to take \$500 out of fund for increase in Bryant fees. b) re: 2022 annual budget, Polly moves to submit to town proposed budget for 2022 with same figures as 2021. All agree, motion passes.
- 4) Stumps in cemetery 2 and 3 need to be addressed. Polly will ask Andrew Grant about boring out the stumps.
- 5) DAR event of 9/21/2021 went very well and Scott Carbee and Patriot Purposes Committee were very helpful. Event covered by Monadnock Ledger and Kevin Pobst in Francestown News. Polly got lovely note of appreciation to her and our committee and certificate for participating.
- 6) Polly will ask Miller Brothers to turn off water for the season and all trustees agree.
- 7) Building in Cemetery 3 needs signage: left is save, right is trash. Ben Cook has agreed to create sign and affix it. Ethel notes door needs fixing.
- 8) Trustees agree having alternate cemetery commission member would be helpful. It is agreed we will do this and connect with Town Administrator on protocol.
- 9) Ethel reported on annual State Cemetery meeting and green burial presentation. Bridget and Ethel want to explore how to possibly allow green burial in No. 3. Bridget and Polly would like more information. Ethel will contact one or more of people at the state meeting and ask if they would come in and talk to us at the next meeting.
- **10)** After discussion, trustees agree it would be preferable to establish monthly designated time for meetings. **First Thursday of each month was decided.** Next meeting will be **Thursday**, **4**th **of November at 10:00 am.**

Meeting adjourned 11:20 a.m.