

# Meeting of the Kensington Cemetery Trustees

Thursday November 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM

## Kensington Town Hall

The Kensington Cemetery Trustees will be meeting at the Kensington Town Hall at 6:30 PM on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Any member of the public wishing to participate in this meeting may do so.

### Attending:

Nancy Roffman  
Katelynn Dow  
Jacquelyn Benson

### Absent:

None

### Members of the public:

Richard Fyler, 146 South Road

The meeting was opened at 6:35 PM.

Richard Fyler 146 South Road

### Old business:

1. Approve past minutes: Jackie moved to approve the minutes from the September 28th and October 12th meeting. Nancy seconded. All in favor.
2. Cemetery maintenance
  - a. Stones
    - i. Nothing new to report, however the stones that have been cleaned in our last cleaning session are looking bright and clean
  - b. Mowing
    - i. Fall clean up came through today and worked through the day. Doesn't look like a second clean-up will be necessary
  - c. Tree service
    - i. Nothing new to report
  - d. Roads
    - i. Nothing new to report
  - e. Front Gate
    - i. Jackie had to close the front gates again as they blew open with the wind again. These gates are really not designed to be opened for use often. If we find there is a demand for these to be used more often, we will have to look into a potential replacement moving forward.
3. Cemetery records

- a. New burials update
    - i. Mary Ann Jenness 9/28
    - ii. George and Nancy Cole 9/16
    - iii. Phoebe Jackson 9/30
    - iv. Eleanor Jordan 10/21
    - v. Peter Brucato 8/9/2023
    - vi. Michelle Hall (no date yet)
    - vii. Bernice Brewer (11/25/2023)
  - b. Cemetery mapping project
- 4. Cemetery bylaws
  - a. No updates at this time
- 5. Cemetery communications
  - a. Town newsletter
  - b. Town website
    - i. No updates at this time

**New business:**

- 6. Any other business
  - a. Union Meeting House construction and Upper Yard
    - i. Planning was done well with care and does not seem to impact the cemetery in any negative ways.
  - b. Green burials
    - i. Richard Fyler presented what information he had regarding a green burial. He is interested in potentially having one. Traditionally a green burial is having a wooden box without a permanent container. Stratham and Newmarket are currently doing this, Dan Stockbridge from Stockbridge funeral home has some information regarding this. Potentially having a designated green burial area for the cemetery. Richard said that Dan would be happy to meet with the trustees regarding more information. Richard will reach out to Dan Stockbridge to join us at our meeting on January 18th, 2024.
  - c. Cemetery reserve trust fund warrant article
    - i. A warrant article to see if the town will establish a trust fund to allow all excess money to be reserved for the maintenance of the cemetery. Would like to meet with the Trustees of the Trust Funds in January regarding this so we would be looking for a potential 2025 warrant article.
- 7. Determine next meeting date
  - a. January 18th, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Kensington Town Hall.
  - b. March 21, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Kensington Town Hall.
- 8. Adjournment: 7:38 PM