

# Meeting of the Kensington Cemetery Trustees

Thursday September 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Kensington Town Hall

The Kensington Cemetery Trustees met at the Kensington Town Hall at 6:30 PM on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

Attending:

Katelynn Dow, Jackie Benson, Nancy Roffman

Public: Susan Armstrong

Absent:

None

Call to order at 6:32 PM.

## Agenda

### Old business:

1. Approve Past Minutes
  - a. The trustees approved the draft minutes from the meetings on 8/18
2. Any public business
  - a. Susan Armstrong came to discuss the plot already established for her family. Currently has a two person plot. Wanted to procure another larger area for her family to then be buried. Looking to procure three more additional spots.  
The trustees discussed the question and decided that we cannot assign a specific plot space to a town resident ahead of their decease. However, Sue's plot is nearly at the end of the current row. The trustees thought a reasonable compromise would be jump ahead to starting the next row, leaving those three spaces next to Sue informally open for now. That way, if one of the other Armstrongs does want the space when their time comes, it would be available, but the spaces wouldn't be formally tied up - if they remained unused, the trustees would be able to assign them to another burial.
  - b. Jackie made a motion: move that we leave the three spaces at the end of the row empty for now, with the informal intention that they may be used in the future by members of the Armstrong family.  
Seconded: Katelynn  
Vote: 3, 0 in favor.
3. Cemetery maintenance
  - a. Stone repair
    - i. Jackie will email Kai from Gravestone Services about the other 40 stones left for repair.

- b. Fence
    - i. Complete
  - c. Mowing
    - i. Check in with Kathy regarding the budget. Have to follow up with mowing, dumpster cleaning, and two November clean-ups.  
Motion: Jackie moves we ask for money allocations for the two November cleanings. One before Veteran's Day and one at the end of November/beginning of December.  
Seconded: Katelynn.  
Vote:3-0, in favor.
  - d. Roads
    - i. No new business
- 4. Cemetery records
  - a. New burials update
    - i. Rob Moreau - JB needs to check town hall for paperwork, and then nag Brewitt's for update.
    - ii. Melvin Armstrong - burial took place on Sept 10. Plot granted, paperwork received. Family would like to petition for sons to claim their plots nearby early - see above motion.
    - iii. Mystery grave? Between Young and Bloomberg, there appears to be a burial between which would have taken place between 2015 and 2019. Skip probed and thinks he ID'd cremation interment. No stone. Vaguely remembers Rodgers Funeral Home involvement. Rodgers list of burials in that time:  
Francis and Gwendolyn Batchelder - 2015, I have no note in spreadsheet for them  
Alice Rizzo - no note in spreadsheet, 2017  
Donna Sands - no note in spreadsheet, 2018  
Rodgers can do a temporary marker if we can ID a person in there - they can last up to 10 years, can wear down but at least we'd have a name.
  - b. Cemetery mapping project
    - i. No update at this time
- 5. Cemetery bylaws
  - a. Katelynn will update the draft bylaws to include requiring a permanent grave marker on all plots to hopefully avoid further mysteries.
  - b. Jackie will check in with the select board regarding their lookover of the bylaws as we move forward.
- 6. Cemetery communications
  - a. Town newsletter
  - b. Town website
- 7. Cemetery Budget
  - a. Was submitted, but has not been looked at yet.

**New business:**

8. Any other business
9. Determine next meeting date:  
Every other month, third Thursday of the month
  - a. Nov. 17
  - b. Jan. 19
  - c. Mar. 16
10. Adjournment: 7:25 PM