

# Meeting of the Kensington Cemetery Trustees

Thursday July 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM

Kensington Town Hall

The Kensington Cemetery Trustees met at the Kensington Town Hall at 6:30 PM on Thursday, July 20, 2023. The meeting was open to the public.

## Agenda

### **Present:**

Jackie Benson

Katelynn Dow

Nancy Roffman

### **Absent:**

None

### **Members of the public attending:**

Barbara Stevens, Patricia Bonnevie, Jim Rosencratz Jr., Mary Rosencrantz

Called to order at 6:36 pm.

### **Old business:**

1. Approve past minutes. Jackie moved to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Katelynn seconded. All in favor.
2. Cemetery maintenance
  - a. Stone.
    - i. Jackie had noticed a newer granite marker that had fallen over. It would take quite a few people to reset this marker. John Lord from the NH Old Graveyard association is willing to help but we would still need some muscle to reset. The grave belongs to a fire department veteran. Jackie will call Chief True to see if perhaps a couple fire volunteers might be willing to help with labor to restore the marker with the assistance of the NH Old Graveyard association.
  - b. Mowing
    - i. Mowing has been much more consistent this year and keeping up with the mowing as soon as it has been getting longer. Jackie had to contact once regarding the dumpster and they were going to get on it.
  - c. Tree service
    - i. Royal Green suggested paying for a day of tree work at approximately 4,000 - 6,000 per day and getting as much done as they can during that time. Hemlocks do have an infection on them that will impact them for the long run, that would require another company if we wanted to treat the trees or we could just have Royal Green come out and remove the trees. Katelynn has contacted 3 more

companies. Many services have said they are just too short staffed and booked through the fall. We are going to contact Royal Green about working through both cemeteries over two days of work. Jackie made a motion to approve Royal Green for cemetery tree maintenance of both cemeteries not to exceed \$10,000. Katelynn seconded. All in favor.

3. Cemetery records

a. Burial record form update

- i. Jackie provided an updated draft of the form based on the suggestion of adding a checkbox for who was a military or fire department veteran. Jackie moved to accept the amended form. Nancy seconded. All in favor.

b. New burials update

- i. Rob Moreau: planned interment for August/September in plot 195. Paperwork still pending.
- ii. Phoebe Smith Jackson: planned interment for August/September in plot 141. Paperwork still pending.
- iii. Buzz Felch: August 12th burial, Jackie to work with family on paperwork.
- iv. Gayle Batchelder: Burial record complete for May interment.
- v. Peter Buccato: Opening a new plot, Dearborn 198, for this interment. Waiting on interment date to complete paperwork.
- vi. Kathy Luderer: Interred in plot 186 earlier in July. All paperwork complete.
- vii. Judy Hodgkinson: Looking for husband to be buried on plot Dearborn 15. Currently working on getting family to sign off.

c. Cemetery mapping project

- i. No update

d. Cemetery burial records completion

- i. Try for a Sunday after Labor Day to try and reschedule.

4. Cemetery bylaws

a. No new business

5. Cemetery communications

- a. Town newsletter: No new business
- b. Town website: No new business

**New business:**

6. Any other business

- a. Yvonne Bates requested extension of her plot 143A to the edge of the Bodwell plot. As the space would not otherwise be usable for a new plot, Jackie moved to extend the Bates plot (143A) to the edge of the adjacent Bodwell plot. Katelynn seconded. All in favor.
- b. Susan Gilbert, former Kensington resident and current Kensington librarian, requested a plot in the cemetery for interment of her husband and (eventually) herself.
  - i. In respect of Susan Gilbert's service to the town, Jackie moved to accept the plot request and open Dearborn 199. Katelynn seconded. All in favor.
- c. James R. Rosencrantz Jr. wants to reserve the plot directly west of plot 189, where his wife Ruth is buried. There is not space in 189 for both Jim and his current wife Mary to be interred. Jim noted that his son Peter would likely want the space next to Ruth.

- i. Jackie moved to allow Jim and Mary Rosencrantz to obtain a new plot, Dearborn 189A, west of Dearborn 189, with the understanding that a stone or marker will be moved or placed on the plot in a timely manner. Nancy seconded. All in favor.

Jim and Mary will fill out the appropriate new plot form and discussion and are discussing with family whether to move the existing marker and/or add an additional stone.

- 7. Determine next meeting date
  - a. September 21, 2023 6:30 PM Town Hall.
- 8. Adjournment: 7:35 PM