

# Meeting of the Kensington Cemetery Trustees

Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 6:30 PM

## Minutes

*Draft minutes to be voted on during the next meeting of the Kensington Cemetery Trustees*

The meeting was in person at the Town Hall

### **In attendance:**

*Present:*

Katelynn Dow, Jackie Benson

*Absent:*

Nancy Roffman

Call to order at 7:02 PM.

### **Minutes:**

The trustees reviewed and approved all outstanding draft minutes.

### **Old business:**

1. Cemetery maintenance
  - a. Stone repair - Gravestone Services will do work, timing not yet known. Jackie will ask for ETA.
  - b. Fence quotes - Nancy was getting another quote. We will hold till next meeting to hear from her.
  - c. Trash removal - Noted that trash removal was indeed included in this year's cemetery lawn maintenance contract.
2. Cemetery records
  - a. The trustees reviewed the following:
    - i. Proposed burial rights claim form
    - ii. Proposed burial rights assignment form
    - iii. Proposed perpetual care donation formJackie moved to forward these forms to the selectboard for their input. Katelynn seconded. A vote was held: Katelynn and Jackie both voted aye.
  - b. Updating burial records spreadsheet

- i. Katelynn and Jackie will take a walk sometime soon and update numbers for new plots assigned since the last update to the cemetery map so we know what number to give new plots.
  - ii. Jackie will ask for drone pics of the cemetery on Kensington Connects and see if she can find a volunteer. She will use those images to redraw the plot map more accurately.
- 3. Cemetery bylaws
  - a. Katelynn started reviewing other cemetery rules and stealing the good stuff to start building a Kensington bylaws draft. She will keep at that and will have a draft for next meeting.
- 4. Cemetery communications
  - a. Town newsletter
    - i. Jackie will write an update on what we're doing
  - b. Town website
    - i. No changes currently required.
- 5. Wreaths Across America
  - a. No new updates.

**New business:**

- 6. Any other business
  - a. Old Home Day
    - i. The trustees are open to guided walking tours for Old Home Day if someone wants to lead them - neither of the trustees feel quite competent to do that yet. They discussed the possibility of Susie Gilbert from the Library bringing in Glen Knoblock who did a successful tour a couple years ago.
    - ii. We will not have a table for Old Home Day (not sure what we could do at it).
    - iii. Trustees discussed the suggestion made by the rec committee for kid-friendly self-guided scavenger hunts and determined they would not be appropriate.
    - iv. The trustees believe the cemeteries could best be included in Old Home Day by being part of the Town Discovery Guide scavenger hunt, utilizing landmarks that can be seen and photographed from outside the cemetery fences. Jackie will brainstorm what that might be and send the suggestions to the rec committee.
  - b. Private Cemeteries
    - i. Jackie gave an update on progress with tracking down the location, property owners, and descendants for the private burial grounds listed on the map in the cemetery binder and in the Rev. Sawyer's history of the town. She consulted with Meghan Gross and other members of the Historical Society, Lynne Monroe from the Heritage Commission, and Joan Weber. Jackie will attend the next Heritage Commission meeting to present what she's found so far and see if any members have further information on any of the private yards.
- 7. Determine next meeting date
  - a. The trustees will meet again at 6:30PM on May 11th.
  - b. The trustees plan to attend the May 2 Selectboard meeting if their proposed trust and lot assignment documents make it onto the agenda.

8. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.