

MINUTES

CEMETERY TRUSTEES, JUNE 5, 2023, 6pm

Present: Kay Hartnett, John Reynolds, Cynthia Krill, Barbara Larmond, Kristi LeGore. Guest: Rick Stoye

Joel and Emily VanPatten will be stewards for the Ellsworth Cemetery

Rick Stoye presented a preliminary version of the cemetery/burial software he is designing for us. Impressive work and the trustees gave him the go-ahead to continue developing the software. Based on discussion with Rick, he will make changes and start adding info into the database. Rick is a Deering resident and is doing this work pro-bono. It is A LOT of work, and we will discuss some sort of compensation for him.

Discussion over the "ownership" of Butler Cemetery. An easement was granted to the town on September 6, 2019 granting the town *"the right to pass and repass for persons and equipment to provide for access to, and maintenance of, the Butler Cemetery grounds by the town as may be necessary and convenient by the Grantee for the proper maintenance of the cemetery grounds and to perform all acts thereon which may be necessary, as well as the Grantee to enter upon said cart track or path to inspect, maintain and repair same and to provide all members of the public who may own grave sites or have relatives buried in Butler Cemetery with a right to pass and repass for purposes of visiting burial sites."*

The trustees understand this to mean that the town was given this easement in order to maintain Butler Cemetery. The trustees have been paying a contractor to mow this cemetery for approximately 12 years. We also understand it to mean that Butler should be included in any necessary tree work for *"the proper maintenance of the cemetery grounds and to perform all acts thereon which may be necessary."*

Discussion of the ongoing situation regarding the perpetual care interest and how best to resolve it. A final resolution has not been determined and it will be added to our July meeting Agenda.

Bob Macentee would like to purchase 4 plots in Wilkins. He would also like to repair the bench in front of Wilkins, and the trustees gave him the go-ahead. Discussion of a possible plaque on the bench thanking him.

There is a fee to install the four plot markers which are included with each plot. This is built in to the plot price.

The Trustees voted to pay Garry Kalajian for his previously approved ironwork. Invoice has been submitted to TA Flynn.

Adjourn 8:45pm.