

Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2023, 6pm

Present: Kay Hartnett, Cynthia Krill, John Reynolds, Barbara Larmond, Kristi LeGore

Guests: Rick Stoye, Tom Copadis

Tom Copadis spoke about the need for the Cemetery Trustees to have their own checking account; and we should investigate why we haven't been reimbursed by the TOTTF since 1996; and why were all funds combined with the Perpetual Care funds when they should be separate. John Reynolds has been to TOTTF meetings and is working with them on these issues.

Discussion on Butler Cemetery again. Confirmed that Stearns owns the house, and Dunn owns the cemetery. In 2019 Dunn gave the town an easement into the cemetery in order to care for the grounds. Deering has received Perpetual Care money from burials in Butler, but no burial money. What is Dunn's responsibility? Discussion will continue.

Rick Stoye presented updates on the software program he is writing for us. He is doing really great work.

It was determined that when a lot is sold, there should be two checks written: Perpetual care check to Trustee of the Trust Fund Deering; Plot Check to The Town of Deering. Two separate accounts. And when a plot is sold, the deed is filled out and a copy given to the buyer. Buyer can take it to city offices to have it registered as property if desired.

The Cemetery Trustees should be getting copies of death certificates at every burial. As of right now, we do not get those copies. They have been going to the front office, but not to our files. Will work to remedy this.

Trustees voted to appoint John Reynolds as bookkeeper, and Barbara Larmond as assistant bookkeeper.

Voted to approve a PO not-to-exceed \$1,000 to Garry Kalajian who is doing more ironwork in the cemeteries. PO submitted to the Town Administrator.

Meeting adjourned 8:31pm