

**Minutes of Meeting-
Nelson Cemetery Board-
Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021 4:00 p.m. Nelson Town Hall**

Members Present: Harry Flanagan, Linda Cates, Al Stoops, Laurie Smith
Member Absent: Elaine Giacomo

Linda Cates called the meeting to order at 4:00.

Review/Approve Minutes of September Meeting:

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and approved as presented. Moved by Laurie, Second by Harry. The minutes were drafted by Linda with additions and adjustments by Elaine.

Recap of Cemetery Work Day and Next Steps:

We all agreed that the work day was successful and we were very grateful to Tom Murray and his chain saw work. Mention was made of the fun article in the Nelson "Black Fly Express."

We decided to have another work day on Monday, November 1, at 11:00, weather permitting. We were asked to think of areas in Cemetery 1 that should be addressed next:

- Are there any new veteran graves that have been revealed by our clean up?
- Mark damaged stones for repairs.
- Test the mausoleum with a metal pole if not already done.
- Linda discovered a chunk of concrete in the woods that needs investigating.
- Continue to cut trees that are growing out of graves.
- Clean up birthday balloons if the family has not already done so.
- There are still piles of brush too close to the graves.

Report on Tree Trimming:

Al reported that he and Noah Washburn have been playing phone and Facebook tag. It was suggested that he try Wilcox Tree Service in Westmoreland as an alternative. Al agreed to continue to pursue Tree experts.

Email Report on Test Pits for Cemetery 3:

Elaine spoke with cemetery consultant Tom Daly. We need to dig four pits that are six and a half feet deep, insert a long PVC pipe, back fill, and then test in the spring for water at the bottom of the pipe. We discussed where the pits should be placed and it was suggested that using the quadrants may be reasonable. We are hoping Mike Tarr will have time to do this before the ground freezes. We would like Elaine to talk to Mike about doing this. Mike has previously said to give him two days' notice.

Update on Contact with Other Towns, including Surry:

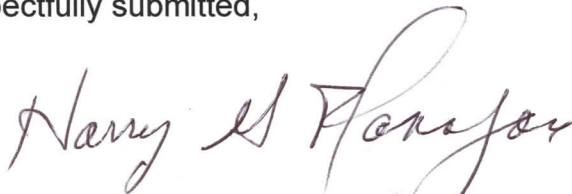
Harry will continue to contact Bruce Smith, chair of the Surry Cemetery board. We did not discuss other towns. We would like to know what other towns charge for their cemetery plots.



Having no other business, Harry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Al seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:01.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, November 16 at 4:00 pm, hopefully in the Nelson Library downstairs meeting room. (The sounds in the town hall reverberate, making hearing each other difficult.)

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Smith



Bullet List

- **All:** Work Day, Monday, Nov. 1, 11:00, weather permitting. Cemetery 1. Think about what kind of warrant we will be presenting to the town regarding the development of the new cemetery.
- **Al:** Find a tree service. Noah Washburn or Wilcox Tree Service in Westmorland. Help Harry set up wood stakes in new cemetery.
- **Elaine:** Ask Mike Tarr if he can do the test pits. Can the Town Sexton also be responsible for the cemetery maintenance? Question for the selectmen since they are looking for a new sexton?
- **All:** Discuss possibility of having Keene Monument do the work we had asked Peterborough Marble & Granite to do.
- **Harry:** Keep trying to reach Bruce Smith. Call Rick Church to see if History Committee has information on Munsonville Cemetery Buy stakes and paint them red. Set them out with Al to mark border of new cemetery.
- **Linda:** Call Anna Tilton regarding deed to Munsonville Cemetery. Keep on with Mausoleum research