

**Minutes of Meeting
Nelson Cemetery Board
Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 4:00 PM**

Members Present: Elaine Giacomo, Linda Cates, Al Stoops, Laurie Smith

We met in Cemetery Two at 4:00 to lay out new burial plots in the area previously designated as a traffic circle.

Review of Minutes

We reviewed the minutes of the August meeting, focusing on the “To-Do” list of items.

Elaine brought copies of the Cemetery Two map for everyone.

Elaine spoke to Ann Johnson and there is now a plan for those corner markers.

Elaine is waiting until the Board formally votes to increase the price of cemetery plots from \$350 to \$400 before she sends out a letter to area funeral homes updating Nelson cemetery information.

We don't know if Harry has been in touch with Peterborough Granite & Marble regarding work on headstones and the “mystery” G cornerstones.

Linda reported that Gary Robinson is trying to borrow equipment from Tom Tolman to do the elevations in the new cemetery. If that doesn't work, he said he will buy equipment to do it. Linda and Gary talked about getting it done “before the snow flies.”

This Saturday's workday at the Munsonville Cemetery will start at 10:00 AM. Linda said Tom will come with his power saw.

Elaine confirmed that the Cemetery Board has the right to trim bushes and shrubs in the cemeteries as we see fit.

Elaine reported that Marty French is not interested in mowing the new cemetery.

Recent and Upcoming Burials

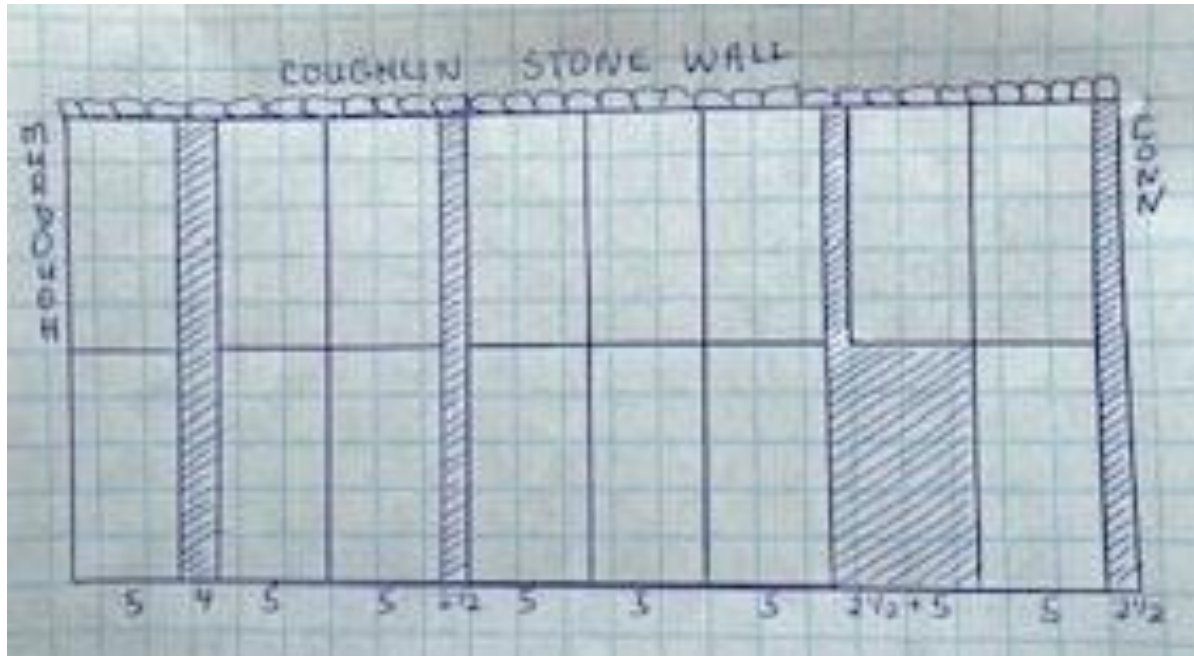
Harry represented the Cemetery Board at Priscilla Walters' interment on September 17. There was some confusion after the fact as Michael Shaver was not present to fill in the hole after the interment. Bob DiLuzio of Foley Funeral Home took the urn back to the funeral home as it is not their policy to leave an urn uncovered. Ralph Walter had to retrieve the urn later and Michael Shaver covered it then. Elaine said that other area funeral homes do not have this policy. Foley and Fletcher funeral homes are owned by the same company and share this policy.

It has been our common practice to leave urns uncovered, to be covered later that day after the service. This is the first instance that we know of where the funeral home took the urn back with them.

Elaine reported an upcoming interment in the old cemetery on October 8. The family is Cady, descendants of an old time Nelson family. Michael Shaver has been advised and Elaine will remind him.

Layout of New Plots in Cemetery Two

We laid out 15 new 5 X 10 feet plots along the Coughlin stone wall in Cemetery Two between the Conn and Murdough plots. We left space between plots to deal with visible large rocks and tree roots. The new plots end about 22 feet ten inches out from the stone wall to accommodate a road allowing access toward the back of the cemetery and leaving some space between the head of the plots and the stone wall.



We will adjust the John Warner cornerstones toward the Old Cemetery by about 2 ½ feet to allow room for the access road.

Cost of Cornerstones:

In the process of laying out this new space we realized that some cornerstones are missing and some are not in precisely the correct location. We concluded it would be a good idea to include the cost of cornerstones in the price of the plot and arrange to have the cornerstones installed ourselves in future. This will be voted on at a later meeting.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 17, 3:30 PM in Cemetery Two to continue the work of laying out new cemetery plots.

Having no further business, Elaine adjourned the meeting at 5:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cates for the Nelson Cemetery Board