

**Minutes of Meeting
Nelson Cemetery Board
Monday, July 19, 2022, 3:30 PM**

Members Present: Elaine Giacomo, Linda Cates, Laurie Smith

Elaine called the meeting to order in the old cemetery at 3:30 pm.

Review of Tree Work

We walked around the old cemetery and looked at the tree work recently done by King Pine Tree Service. They did an excellent job without damage to any stones. Two large dead trees were removed as well as various dead branches. Laurie said that owner John Sandri prioritized the work based on our budget. He wasn't able to do everything this time, but the most pressing issues have been dealt with.

We walked through both cemeteries and they look good. Grass is growing back on the recent full burial sites.

Review of Minutes of the May Meeting

Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Review of Elaine's Report for June in Lieu of Minutes

The June Cemetery Board meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. We reviewed the report for June that Elaine circulated in lieu of minutes.

Elaine said that we still do not know who the G cornerstones belong to in Cemetery Two. She asked Peterborough Marble and Granite and they do not know. Elaine will check with Stephanie at Keene Monument.

Elaine reported that the Memorial Day service went well. There was a good turnout. Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts planted the flowers in the Nelson cemeteries. Elaine planted the flowers in Munsonville.

Elaine gave Edie the updated information for the Cemetery webpage. We need to check to see if it has been updated. (It has been updated. References to a sexton have been removed.)

Elaine had previously reported that Michael Shawver said that in light of fuel costs he would need to raise his rates for burials. His new rates for a full burial are \$525 for weekdays and \$600 for weekends - an increase of \$100.00.

Elaine said that on Memorial Day she heard many compliments about the condition of Cemeteries One and Two. But she added that Harry is right about Munsonville - it needs a lot of work. We agreed to have a work day at Munsonville sometime after the September 23.

Update on Burials:

Philip Kohl was buried May 17. Michael Stewart was buried May 25. Marilyn Houck was buried June 13.

Discuss Layout of New Area of Cemetery Two

We discussed this briefly and will revisit it another time.

Report on Cemetery Three Water Issue

Elaine checked the water levels in the four pipes in the new cemetery. Two were dry, one had a little bit of mud and one had about half an inch of water. Surprisingly, the ones with mud and water are the ones near the top of the hill. The lower ones were dry.

Elaine said that it would be nice to have running water in the new cemetery. Laurie mentioned that Sienna Giffin is a dowser.

Elaine said that we need to have Cemetery Three mowed. She will contact Marty French, who has done it in the past. If he isn't interested, she will contact Nick Barrett.

Update on Gary Robinson Survey of Cemetery Three

Elaine sent Gary an email inquiring as to whether the elevation work had been done. She hasn't heard back. Linda will call Gary to find out.

Laurie reported that Stoddard is doing a new cemetery and they have to find someone to do their grid layout. Perhaps we can work with Stoddard, using use one person for both cemeteries and thereby get a better deal. Elaine will try to contact the chair of the Stoddard Cemetery Board.

Next Meeting:

Having no further business, Elaine adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 23, 4:00 PM** in the lower level of the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Cates for the Nelson Cemetery Board

Elaine Giffin
Laurie Smith
Harry Henson