

**Minutes**  
**29 September 2015**  
**Cemetery Board of Trustees**  
**Town of Wilton NH**

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with 3 trustees: John Jowders (Chair), Steve Elliot, Mary Ann Shea (Secretary). Shan Clark and Shane McGrath were also in attendance

Steve made a motion to accept the minutes of 15 September 2015. Mary Ann seconded, all in favor.

**Old Business:**

- Poly Vaults-still waiting for Carl Michaud to drop one off with Steve for evaluation/testing.
- Creains at the funeral home-Mary Ann will keep trying to get information on the cremains from Carl Michaud.
- HMIS database training-we will wait until we have the perpetual care issue taken care of to do this.
- Flagpole painting-is almost complete.
- Right to Inter for Joyce Fisk has been re-typed (again); Mary Ann will give to Doreece.
- Perpetual Care issue-postponed until later in the meeting.

**Public Input:**

- Shane McGrath came with photos of damaged stones on his family lot. After a short discussion, it was agreed that we would replace the damaged stones with flat stones; the damage was caused by a DPW vehicle last winter.
- Shan Clark came with several issues to discuss pertaining to various requests and lots. First, she brought up the issue of the Alden Fox lot. After a short discussion, it was decided that the issue is resolved, and Shan will see if the Chief of Police needs the detailed information she has assembled. She also questioned the wording of the Right to Inter on the lot; it indicates that a full burial plus cremation are allowed, but with a cremation already in place, that would not be possible. We explained that we cannot go back and rewrite existing Right to Inter agreements; the family indicated that the remaining space will not be used. In another lot owned by the Fox family, there is an infant/child whose identity is not clear. Mary Ann will try to find information on this burial.
- Shan next brought up a question from Karen Lenz regarding a family lot in the Denny section. It appears to be a 6-grave lot, with 4 graves occupied. Karen would like to be able to put 2 more burials in, but she does not have the original Right to Inter. It is not clear how she could proceed without the original document (there is no copy in the cemetery files). Steve mentioned that Milford has a document they use to allow people to accept responsibility for burial in lot when they do not have documented authority, and Shan will check with Milford to get a copy of that document to see if it will serve the purpose. A sounding will also need to be done on the grave lots to determine if there are, in fact, 4 existing burials and 2 available burial spaces.
- In a related issue, Shan told us that Melody Jones has asked for proof of her Right to Inter permission for a lot in Mount Calvary. She does not have the original document, and a search of

the files shows no receipts for any lots in Mount Calvary in 2002. The lot is said to have been sold by Jim Nelson, and there are two burials in the 4-grave lot (New Resurrection Lot #96). The document mentioned in the above paragraph may also suit in this situation.

- Shan asked about a recent burial in Mount Calvary that she could not find. The burial was listed as being in the Main Section, but after looking at the map, Steve pointed out that it was in the area called “Old Cemetery”.
- Shan mentioned that Mount Calvary is looking very nice with the trimming that has been going on. She also mentioned the stone cleaning, but we've no idea who is doing that. She submitted a bill from Dawn Tuomala to the Board for printing of additional maps of Mount Calvary.
- The Board thanked Shan for all of her input.

### **Budget Discussion:**

We need to begin to think about the budget for next year. It appears we will have money this year to repair the mower (new engine; should be good for another 5 years) and to get chemicals and gravel for general maintenance. By the next meeting, Steve will have a preliminary budget, and we will try to finalize the numbers for next year's budget.

John asked how long the crews will work-per Steve, they should continue on their maintenance work until Thanksgiving.

### **Perpetual Care (postponed from earlier in the meeting):**

We seem to be more confused the longer and closer we look at this issue! It was decided that we need to meet again with the Trustees of the Trust Funds, and John will email Mr. Donovan and Ms. Castro to invite them to join us at our next meeting to see if we can get some clarification (again).

### **Next Meeting:**

To be held on the third Tuesday of October (October 20, 2015) instead of the last Tuesday of the month due to scheduling conflicts of the board members. Mary Ann will post it.

Steve made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., Mary Ann seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Shea, Secretary