

The Thornton Cemetery Trustees held a meeting at 3 pm, on Friday October 25, 2019, at the Sugar Shack, Route 175, Thornton, NH.

In attendance were trustees: Peter Laufenberg (newly elected trustee 3/2019), Phyllis Holbrook, Geraldine Benton-Carbonneau, and Brad Benton, Superintendent of Cemeteries.

A motion was made and accepted to read last meeting's minutes. The minutes were read by Geraldine and accepted by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made to appoint Peter as chairman of Cemetery Trustees, it was seconded and voted unanimously to conduct the meeting. The Trustees and Superintendent reviewed the list of activities of the Thornton Cemetery Trustees, which were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Phyllis had prepared a working budget to date with expended monies spent to date 10/25/2019. The figures were reviewed, discussed and accepted by the Trustees. Cemetery lots were reviewed and money from lots was turned over to Town. Trustees and Superintendent conversed on several issues: 1) new flags installed on Memorial Day, 2) two flower pots taken off Piazzalli lot, 3) reviewed agreement with town clerk to enter lots sold into the Pontum system, agreement signed 8/27/2019 by town clerk and trustee, Phyllis, 4) clean up at cemeteries Pine Grove, Mad River and Wildcat (Civil War graves) on Tripoli Road. Trustees conversed about removing more "older trees from the back side of Pine Grove, it was mentioned by Barbara Patterson, Thornton property owner, eliminating some more trees would be helpful with less damage to grave-stones if the trees were to come down in a storm. Superintendent Brad spoke to Parker Uhlman who owns land adjacent to the cemetery to eradicate trees on the property line and Parker approved to have this done. Brad will speak with him again to solidify plans. Trustee Peter suggested \$5,000 be added in a line item to the cemetery budget (2019-2020) for tree removal. Trustees and Superintendent talked about removing shrubs at Pine Grove replacing them with fence. It was discussed, but no plans have been set. Trustees and Superintendent also deliberated on what to do with cremation lots as 5 surveyed lots are left. It was talked about surveying some larger lots to accommodate more cremation lots. Trustees and Superintendent pondered the figures for next year's budget, and it was agreed 2019-2020 budget be submitted with figure \$31,000 to the Thornton Selectmen. Trustee Peter said he would call and get on the Selectmen's agenda to discuss a trustee opening as Phyllis spoke about resigning.

The meeting adjourned at 4pm.