

AprilThe Thornton Cemetery Trustees held a meeting at 4:15 pm, on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at the Thornton Town Hall, Route 3, Thornton, NH.

In attendance were Trustees: Peter Laufenberg, Geraldine Benton-Carbonneau, Michael Benton and Superintendent of Cemeteries, Brad Benton.

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

It was discussed the Mad River and Pine Grove Cemeteries are mowed alternating weeks. PG is mowed one week, and MR is mowed the next.

Brad reported on the work that has been done at each cemetery. In addition to mowing, broken cemetery stones have been mended. The fence at MR has been repaired. A couple of boards needed had come loose and were fixed. The cutting of trees at the back of PG cemetery was discussed. Either Gerri or Brad will touch base with Floyd from Top Notch to see the estimated time when trees will be cut. Also explored is the idea of touching base with Parker Uhlman as he is going to have some trees cut on his property which are adjacent to the backside PG cemetery. Parker mentioned in conversation with Gerri if some trees on boundary of PG can't be reached or cut by Top Notch, then Parker is willing to work with the cemetery trustees to accomplish the tree cutting project using his logger (Wade Reed).

Gerri reported briefly on the sale of cemetery lots at both Mad River and Pine Grove. Gerri also mentioned Cindy Powers Mother's marker was placed incorrectly by Perry's Monument Company. Brad volunteered to reset the marker in the correct place with Gerri's help.

A lengthy discussion of cemetery lot prices was brought to the table. Peter has drawn up what he thought the new prices should be as a guide to consider. Gerri and Mike thought the prices should increase minimally as it has only been six years since the last price increase. It was also discussed to increase the burial prices. Peter thought that 75% of the burial price should be paid to Brad, Superintendent of Cemeteries while the other 25% deposited in the cemetery funds to offset the cemetery budget. The cemetery prices were explored in length but were not firm. The cemetery trustees and superintendent agreed to "think about" and do a little more research before accepting the increased prices.

Peter couldn't report on cemetery monies spent to date as he didn't have the budget print out. The next cemetery meeting will have the full details of monies spent. Brad thought with fall clean up the remaining monies would be spent. Our next meeting is slated for the end of October.

No other business was discussed by the cemetery trustees.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.