

The Thornton Cemetery Trustees met on October 20, 2022, at 4pm at the Sugar Shack, Thornton, NH.

In attendance were Trustees Mike Benton, Wendy Johnston, Geraldine Benton-Carbonneau. Superintendent Brad Benton and Resident, Alan Uhlman.

The first order of business was to field a few questions from Alan Uhlman. He wanted to know exactly where to place a marker for Ruth Brosseau, who is buried in the Harry Uhlman lot next to her husband Leo Brosseau, who does have a marker. It was decided after some discussion that Ruth's marker will be installed next to Leo's.

Alan also had a couple questions about the land he offered to the town for \$45,000, that the trustees declined to purchase due to cost of land along with the additional cost to erect a road onto said property. Alan wanted to know the estimated price the trustees got for a road. Brad, Superintendent, said the estimate was \$20,000 from Hiltz. Alan was satisfied with the answers and thanked the trustees then left.

The trustees continued with other business importantly discussing the ensuing years budget (2023). Brad spoke about the drought this summer so there wasn't need to mow the cemeteries, which shows to date monies left in the budget. He also said the monies left would give him a chance to do fall clean-up. The \$10,000 for road repairs for cemeteries is going to be used for new roads in the new section of the Pine Grove Cemetery. The trustees discussed it would need to be surveyed and since Roy Sabourn had previously done some surveying laying out the initial lots, the trustees will contact him to lay out the road. Brad and the trustees agreed two estimates should be gotten for the road. It was agreed to check with Hiltz Construction and M.E. Johnston for estimates. The road estimates will be worked on as soon as possible and the trustees agreed to meet again once estimates have been submitted.

The budget for 2022-2023 was unanimously agreed upon by the trustees. The budget figures are as follows: Public Liaison Stipend \$1500, Custodial Services Cemeteries \$6700, Repair and Maintenance—Monuments Cemeteries \$1200,

General Supplies and Software \$600, Road Repair Cemeteries\$5000, Equipment and Machines \$17,500, Cemeteries Tree Work \$1. The Trustees of Trust Funds had a couple CD's come due and moved the CD monies to a liquid account, so the monies could be used for road construction at Pine Grove. Geraldine will contact Richard Baker to discuss the liquid monies for the cemeteries.

Geraldine asked Brad about the cremation burials for John Bean in the John Saunders lot. Brad said there were two John's wife and son. Geraldine will contact John Bean to let him know about payment.

It was also discussed about how many burials, and lots were sold for the year. Geraldine said between burials, and lots sold perhaps is a dozen, but she would check her records.

Wendy asked if the trustees could meet once more before the end of the year to decide on a company to hire for new road construction at Pine Grove. There was a tentative date set for mid-November.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.