

Town of Salisbury



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Meeting Minutes – September 2, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Trustee Chairman Geoffrey Hodges
Trustee Secretary Dora Rapalyea
Trustee Debbie Bartz
Sexton John Bentley
Visitors: David Rapalyea

Minutes of August 5, 2021 were read and approved by the Trustees.

Old Business: The gate for the Congregational Church Cemetery will be hung in September and treatment of the wall at the Maplewood Cemetery will also be completed in September.

The removal of the debris and small trees, in the Congregational Church Cemetery, was started by Debbie Bartz, David Rapalyea and Dora Rapalyea. This is an ongoing project. If you would like to explore this rich and interesting cemetery, please feel free. There is a right of way through the Swendsen's property. Please do not park in their driveway and please let them know you are crossing their property to view the cemetery. Also please stay to the right of the red barn for cemetery access. Remember you are crossing private property.

Thanks to MacDuffie Construction the pile of dirt at the south east corner of Maplewood Cemetery, will be removed at no cost. This dirt pile has been an issue for many years and the Trustees are very grateful to Bill Macduffie Jr. for his very generous offer.

One another issue that has been discussed is the removal of over-grown trees in a few cemeteries. There are 5 to 7 very large bull pines in Fellows Cemetery and one in the Church Cemetery. To remove these trees will be a

monumental task. However, it is a project that needs to be done. The Trustees are now in the process of obtaining bids for this project and hope to have the work done next year.

David Rapalyea was requested to obtain information from the Sign Shop at NH Correctional Ind., and was asked to present this information to the Trustees. Sign options were reviewed and one design was settled on. The signs will be for Maplewood, Stevens and Bean-Smith's Corner Cemetery's. It is the Trustees hope the new signs will go up before snow fall this year. This is just the beginning of this project and the trustees are optimism that all cemeteries in our town will have new signage.

New Business:

There was discussion on understanding and the process of billing for cemetery maintenance. The Trustees are exploring a more efficient process of billing and explanation of work done.

Chair Jeff Hodges had an inquiry from Rose Cravens. The Daughters of the American Revolution would like to clean the Bean plot stones. The Trustees all would like more information on this subject. Jeff will contact Rose for a written explanation.

Starting in October, our next meeting, the Trustees will begin at 5:00pm.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: October 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at Academy Hall

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Dora Rapalyea
Secretary, Cemetery Trustees