

**Acworth Cemetery Trustees: Minutes: May 12, 2022**

**Present:** Sexton Kris Fenderson; trustees Lillie LeBlanc, Claudia Istel, and Helen Frink.

**Minutes** of November 18, 2021 were approved.

**Sales of Lots** - none

**Burials:** Gordon Gowen lot A-14; spreadsheet shows Gowens have A-13 and south ½ of A-12 Cemetery map shows the Gordon Gowen family also has lot A-14; spreadsheet will be corrected.

**Mowing:** Helen Frink will email Matt Elsesser (Mountainside Mowing) to have Hill Road cemetery mowed before the Memorial Day weekend. On May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM we will meet in the Hill Road cemetery to pick up old decorations and other rubbish.

**Private Burial Grounds:** There are four in Acworth: the Mitchell site on Lynn Hill Road, the Roswell and Deborah Walker graves off Walker Road on the Black North area, the burial site of Lemuel and Noah Blood, and the Lois (Jabez) Alexander burial ground on Gates Mountain Road. The latter was recently visited by a descendant of Jabez and Lois Alexander. The Mitchell, Walker, and Alexander burial grounds are protected by stone walls. The Acworth Community Charitable Trust has awarded Acworth cemetery trustees \$1,574 to provide a vinyl fence protecting the graves of Noah Blood and Lemuel, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Helen is working with the present property owner, Dean Gowen, on protecting and marking these graves. When work is completed and fencing installed, the Trust will release the grant money to cemetery trustees, who will reimburse Dean Gowen for the fencing.

**Budget:** We confirmed that our budget as proposed was passed at town meeting. The income from cemetery trust funds as shown in the town report is too little to use to augment our budget. Planters for the 3 Mitchell graves we are obligated to provide will be funded out of our regular budget.

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