

Acworth Cemetery Trustees; Minutes of June 22, 2023

Present: Sexton Kris Fenderson, Trustees Claudia Istel, Lillie LeBlanc, and Helen Frink, Chair.

Minutes of May 4, 2023 were approved.

Invoice from Mountainside Mowing dated June 17th in the amount of \$1,555 was signed for payment. Mowing was done June 5 and 6 in the old and new sides of the Hill Road Cemetery and a more recent mowing has apparently been done since. Including this invoice, mowing expenses total \$4,410 thus far; our budget for 2023 is \$16,500.

Sales of Lots: none.

Burials: Cremains of Richard and Ella Brown and Caroline Barth have been interred.

Cemetery Mapping: We now have maps of the northeast corner of the Hill Road Cemetery that can be used for field work. All young ash trees in this corner of the cemetery should be removed, including roots and stumps. Kris Fenderson recommends a 12-foot setback from boundary stone walls on the north and east to allow for equipment access. Corners of Louise Nevelson's 12- by 12-foot lot can be used as starting points to mark out single lots measuring 12' by 6'. This size is adequate for 3 sets of cremains, and this section of the cemetery should be reserved for cremains burials only. The east to west length of this area (from Hill Road to the back wall of the cemetery) is about 144 feet, excluding the 12-foot setback from the boundary walls. Between every two rows of lots there should be a grass path 8'-10' wide. We are seeking a surveyor who can mark out these lot corners.

Mapping Old Part of Hill Road Cemetery: Trustee Lillie LeBlanc worked last fall with the old handwritten cemetery map and compared the map's information to headstone inscriptions, discovering numerous discrepancies. She has volunteered to work with one section of the map at a time and re-check all available information on each grave. Trustee Claudia Istel will then create a spreadsheet incorporating this information, including names, birth and death dates, family relationships, and location of individual burials within a plot, insofar as these can be determined. There are about 440 lots in this part of the cemetery, with multiple burials in each.

Helen Frink will email Mark Goodwin to ask when he might be in Acworth and how he could help with any of our mapping efforts. Kris Fenderson will see when volunteer Lorraine LaCasse would be available to continue work transferring spreadsheet data onto the cemetery map in progress.

Meeting Dates for 2023, 3 PM Thursday afternoons: July 27, August 17, September 28, October 26, November 16, November 30th if necessary.

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