

Acworth Cemetery Trustees; Minutes of July 27, 2023

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

Minutes of June 22, 2023 were approved.

Invoices: A bill from Mountainside Mowing in the amount of \$1,375 for work done June 22-23 was signed for payment. A more recent mowing has been done since, but no updated invoice received. Mowing expenses now total \$5,785; our budget for 2023 is \$16,500.

A bill for \$90 for three planters for Mitchell family graves was also approved and signed for payment from the "miscellaneous" line in our budget. That money can be reimbursed from a Mitchell trust fund.

Sales of Lots: None.

Burials: None.

Other Business: Sexton Kris Fenderson had an inquiry from Joan Streeter Jones about cremains spaces available in the lot purchased by her partner, Jean Vaillancourt. His cremains are interred in Lot C-19. There are apparently no other burials in that space, so there would be room for two additional sets of cremains. The limit of 3 sets of cremains per single lot is necessary because of the space needed for monuments. We intend to use the northeast corner of the Hill Road Cemetery for cremains burial in areas where deeper digging is not possible. Removal of trees in that corner and mapping that area will be postponed due to Acworth's budget shortfall caused by recent flooding.

Other Cemetery Work: Charlie Brown filled in a washout in the upper cemetery driveway caused by flooding earlier this month.

Tom Ferrell noted that the monument on his family's plot has shifted position. We confirmed that when family members still live in town, they should take responsibility for such repairs; we recommend using Keene Monument Company.

Cemetery Mapping: Kathi Bradt mentioned surveyor Eric Peabody, who has been contacted by the Conservation Commission (Green Top Land Surveying, Claremont: 603-477-7422, eric@greentoplandsurveying.com.) He has not yet done come to do any work for the Conservation Commission, however.

Meeting Dates for 2023, 3 PM Thursday afternoons:

August 17

September 28

October 26

November 16

November 30th if necessary.

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