

Cemetery meeting - 7/31/25

Present - Ken Gagnon, Lillie LeBlanc, Alison Ferrell, Claudia Istel

Meeting started 10:35

Last meeting notes approved

Invoices:

Approved: Keene Monument - markers \$250 and \$300. Cemetery repairs \$2,500 to be paid from a special line item in the 2025 town budget for "2024 Cemetery Trustees maintenance funds" that were encumbered in 2024, to be spent in 2025. Payment of this invoice will zero out the amount in the encumbered funds line in the budget. The weather in the fall prevented completion of the work in 2024. All approved

Learned about the NHCA (New Hampshire Cemetery Association) - Alison joined it, will go to the October meeting (10/7)

Alison updated the team on her scattering gardens research. One of the cemeteries in Concord has a scattering garden. It's free. No names engraved in a stone. We should take a road trip there in October to see it. We talked about maybe also doing free, still requiring a tie to Acworth, but perhaps more lenient. We'd make it a nice little garden area. No markers? (Keene monument would charge \$200 for an engraving). So perhaps we would charge a little (250 to cover the cost of the stone over time), but also offer a free option.

We need to spend some time investigating the Knoll area and outline:

- Where would a road go if we wanted one? It is not needed for funeral homes for full body burials, because this area would only allow for cremations to be buried. But perhaps it would be needed for folks who are less mobile and attended a service in that area. If we wanted one - Would it be a loop? If not, it would need a turn around area. Who would we coordinate with? How far did Helen get with her early conversations with the road crew?
- Where plots for cremations would be
- Where the scattering garden would be

July plot activity:

Sale of 12 x12 to Dennis and Lisa Earl (exact location recorded by sexton)
Patricia Turbak cremations interred July 21st
Ellenora Rhodes cremations interred July 19th

Meeting adjourned 11:20

Next meeting is Aug 28th at 10:30

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