

Sugar Hill Cemetery Trustees  
Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2023  
6:00pm Crapo Building

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**Call to Order**

**Present: Jablonski, Warren, A. Carbonneau, Sawyer Guest: P. Carbonneau**

**Approval of the Minutes** from October 14, 2023

Sawyer moved and A. Carbonneau seconded.

**Sexton's Report – Peter Carbonneau**

Logs were picked up at Hannah Cemetery today by the Highway Department.

Peter will make sure the chain is across the road.

Sunnyside will be “plowed in” after a big storm. Meanwhile, Peter will place a couple of cones in place until then to discourage vehicular traffic.

Fencing was installed at Hannah, with a small credit left in the account.

**Old Business**

- Hughes Plot Request- Letter was sent, a brief conversation was held with Cliff Hughes. We are waiting on a response from Mr. Hughes
- Budget- Review of the 2023 Budget – Planned versus Actual

**New Business**

- Budget items and estimates for 2024
  - Repair and replacement of monuments
  - Monument cleaning
  - Grass in the roads – rehab with a rototiller for roads- John Peckett was asked to give an estimate
  - Pavement for lower road of Sunnyside Cemetery
  - Fencing at SD/LH and at Sunnyside along Tors' property line
    - Discussion followed on “more permanent” fencing to research in the long run to replace the post and beam fencing.
    - Consensus to research and defer to 2025.
  - Credits- All approximate totals
    - Sugar Hill Landscaping- \$400.00
    - Audrey Crowe- \$178.00
    - Trakside- \$850.00
    - Biltwell Fencing, Bradford, Vermont- \$450.00

Thoughts for 2024

Sawyer moved that Audrey Crowe be authorized to purchase trees/landscaping plants at Sugar Hill Landscaping up to \$400.00. Annette seconded. Motion carried.

Monument repair and cleaning- \$3500.00

Discussion of laying broken stones flat and framing in edging. Research will be done by Kathy and Larry on what is being done in other cemeteries.

Hannah Cemetery – Consensus is to leave the picket fence along the front of the We will look at 2025 for replacement with a more permanent fencing. Post and beam will remain until needed to replacement.

Vet flag and holders about \$50.00 each for about 40. About \$1750.00

150 flags to purchase . Kathy will check with Jennifer on source and pricing for 2024.

Ask Jennifer to not order holders until Larry Sawyer tells her what to order.

Flag pole at Hannah Cemetery- \$4000.00

- Consensus was to get one similar to the one at the Meetinghouse . This estimate includes labor.
- Larry will do research on types of flag poles.
- Kathy will research grants for flags and flag poles.

Signage budget- \$250.00

2023 -Larry will buy a few gallons of cleaning solution for the stones and cleaning supplies.

Ideas:

Sawyer suggested putting a wreath on each of the cemetery gates/signs in November .

Discussion and consensus of those present:

- Wreaths out for veteran's day
- Add a red , white and blue ribbon
- Add a sign stating the wreaths are in honor of our veterans.

Add to town newsletter to remind plot owners to remove items from the graves before November 1 or they will be trashed.

Add to town newsletter a reminder in the spring of what is permitted in the cemeteries.

Meeting adjourned 7:15 p.m.

