

Sugar Hill Cemetery Trustees Meeting – May 8, 2025
5:00pm at The Crapo Building

Present: Leo Dickinson, Kathy Jablonski, Lynn Kenerson, Larry Sawyer
Absent: Lynne Warren
Also present: Peter Carbonneau, Sexton

Regular Business Meeting called to order at 5:10pm by Kathy Jablonski, Chair

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: (Sawyer, Kenerson) to approve the minutes from April 10, 2025 as presented.

VOTE: All in favor.

Sexton's Report

- Streeter District fence: The contractor is coming in June – Peter will remove the old fence beforehand with trustees' help. The trustees may consider replacing the signage once the fence is installed.
- Stone cleaning: Peter contacted a new service provider from VT. He's expected to do the work in May/June for \$15/stone.
- Brochure boxes: Peter noted that brochures are a success. Lynn K. will print more next week.
- Memorial Day: VFW is scheduled for a 3:00p tribute Sunday of Memorial Day weekend at Sunnyside. Jennifer will put an announcement in the town newsletter and Peter will put out the sandwich board a week ahead.
- Flags are up and a few stones were straightened. The new flag holders are working out well.
- Paving: On track to complete the work in June.
- Mark Galloway has been hired to work 8 hours/week as Peter's assistant.
- LIDAR mapping: Rescheduled due to wet weather. He'll give us as much notice as possible when he can fit us in the schedule.

Old Business

- Broken stone repair policy: Continuing the discussion on past policy and possible strategies for the future. Current consensus of the group favors conservation of old monuments (protect and stabilize), not restoration (doing more than just preserving). Possible sources of funding include donations, warrant articles / capital reserve funds, outside organizations and regular budget. Jaffrey NH has hired Gravestone Services(?) of New England in the past to do this kind of work. Next step is to inventory stones that are in need of repair and assess our needs.
- Budget: There may be a \$400 discrepancy between our operating budget and the one approved at town meeting – we'll review and make changes if necessary.
- Trackside credit: Kathy will follow up with Jennifer about options for using it.
- Drone policy: Continuing the discussion from last month, the committee drafted an addition to the Rules & Regulations prohibiting the use of kites, drones, and other radio-controlled devices in, on or over cemetery property.

MOTION: (Sawyer, Dickinson) to accept the amended Rules and Regulations with the addition of a drone policy.

VOTE: All in favor.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is June 12, 2025 at 5:00pm at the Crapo Building.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Kenerson, Secretary