



**TOWN OF
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CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Minutes

Friday, July 10, 2020

Present:

Brian Rater, Chair

Ann Somers, Secretary

Not present: Ann Webb, member

Also present:

Michael Wenrich, Sexton

The meeting opened at 11:00 a.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery on South Main Street.

The focus of the meeting was to determine our preferred location for the South Main Street/Nissitissit Lane intersection in advance of the coming sidewalk project which will include aprons for the three cross roads. Our goal in reconfiguring this one entry is primarily to optimize protection of nearby gravesites; simultaneously we will make the access slightly wider. Apron locations have been determined for Melendy and Potanipo Ways.

Reconfiguring Nissitissit Lane

With a rough estimate from Mike of a day and a half with town employees doing the work for something under \$1,000, Brian and Ann S confirmed that we do indeed want to adjust the Nissitissit exit from its current location. Mike will move the two largest granite posts so that one will be set adjacent to the nearest fresh granite post intended for fencing attachment, and the other will be set further south along South Main, leaving 14 feet open between them. The remaining smaller posts will be removed. Mike will coordinate this with Town Administrator Tad Putney to determine the optimal location/alignment of the southern post to meld this with the sidewalk project and the ongoing cemetery fencing project.

The road will remain exactly where it is between the first pair of maples inside the cemetery, and Mike will reconfigure the curve from there to the street, maintaining the current grass-and-gravel style.

Terminology

We determined that the numbered squares on the map of Pine Grove will be called lots or plots, and the individual burial sites within them will be called gravesites. We will need to review all our documents for conformity, and add a Terms/Definitions section for clarity (September agenda).

Gravesites sales and burial questions

Questions have been raised about sales and use of gravesites. There has been a suggestion that only double gravesites (or larger) should be offered as the age of the cemetery makes exactitude unlikely and a margin for error may be wise. On the other hand, Mike would like to sell all available gravesites rather than let them lie unused. A question has been asked about whether cremation remains may be buried above an existing full burial. Ann S will query the NH Trustees Association on this subject. A further item needing clarification is the issue of an additional charge for a winter burial, currently noted in the Rules & Procedures but not discussed when we reviewed pricing. These issues will be incorporated in the September agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Somers

Approved 9/15/20