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## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

## **Minutes**

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

This meeting was conducted electronically in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, adopting the waiver of a physically present quorum allowed under RSA 91-A:12, III(b), with the purpose of providing safely for public input. Voice votes were taken and recorded on all motions.

## **Present:**

Brian Rater, Chair Ann Somers, Secretary Ann Webb, member Also present:

Michael Wenrich, Sexton

The meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. There was no public present during the meeting.

The June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written: Brian-Y, Ann S-Y, Ann W-Y. The June 26<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written: Brian-Y, Ann S-Y, Ann W abstaining. The July 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved as written: Brian-Y, Ann S-Y, Ann W abstaining.

The purpose for this meeting was to discuss the potential burial of pets within Brookline's cemeteries, brought to the attention of the Board by Sexton Mike Wenrich because a family wishes to include pet ashes in a burial to take place soon. All participated in extensive discussion; Ann W meanwhile researched NH law and found no contraindication. The outcome was the following guidance for Mike, which will be reviewed and incorporated into our Rules and Procedures at the upcoming Meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Pet ashes may be included along with human remains at the discretion of the Sexton and/or the Cemetery Trustees. There will be no separate burials for pets. (Brian-Y, Ann S-Y, Ann W-Y) We also agreed with Mike's suggestion that since there is little extra effort involved, there will be no additional charge.

Brian requested that all such burials be noted in the records.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann Somers Approved 9-24-20