



**TOWN OF
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Cemetery Trustees

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**Minutes
*April 19, 2017***

Brookline Fire Station
6:00PM

Present:

Keith Thompson, Chair
Brian Rater, Vice Chair
Gale Taylor, Secretary (via phone)
Tad Putney, Town Administrator

Absent:

Jerry Farwell, Sexton

William and Loraine Dubben Trust Fund

Background:

While reviewing the town accounts, the auditors hired by the town found a discrepancy that occurred in the early 2000s. In July 1999, a special trust fund was set up by William and Loraine Dubben. \$10,437.35 was donated to this trust fund on the provision that the interest would be used to support irrigation expenses for Pine Grove and Lakeside Cemeteries. As part of the effort to provide water at Pine Grove Cemetery beginning in 2007, a portion of the principal was taken out of the fund.

Keith moved that transfer \$4,053.67 from the Cemetery General Fund into the William and Loraine Dubben Trust Fund to make it whole per guidance from the auditors. Brian seconded. Keith voted yes. Brian voted yes. Gale voted yes. Tad will talk to the trustees of the trust funds and ask them to do the transfer.

Dell Porter feedback on Pine Grove Cemetery

Tad recently met with Dell Porter, who had a number of suggestions for improving Pine Grove Cemetery.

- 1) There is a large pine tree along the Route 130 fence that looks rotten and is leaning towards headstones. It needs to be taken down.
- 2) The dirt road from 130 to South Main St. needs gravel and to have the ruts removed.
- 3) Water pipes currently only extend to half of the cemetery and should be extended further.
- 4) Large trees need trimming for both appearance and long-term tree health.
- 5) Cut down the rotted tree near the flagpole.
- 6) Trim overgrown lilac located between flagpole and main cemetery road.
- 7) Trim maple branch that hits vehicle antennas on rutted dirt road between Route 130 and South Main St.

- 8) Develop a multi-year plan to fix fallen and leaning grave stones.
- 9) Coordinate use of bucket truck to install solar lights on top of flagpole.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be June 14th at Pine Grove Cemetery. We will conduct our annual walkthrough of all four cemeteries.

Gale moved that we adjourn. Keith seconded. Keith voted yes. Brian voted yes. Gale voted yes.

Adjourned at 6:20.