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***Brookline Cemetery Trustees Minutes  
Saturday, June 12, 2021  
Walkarounds at Lakeside, North, Woods***

Attending:

Brian Rater, chair  
Ann Somers, secretary  
Judy Cook, member  
Mike Wenrich, sexton

Tyler Pickard  
Danielle Christians

The meeting opened at 2:45 at Lakeside Cemetery.

The Tomb's fallen sections on the north end have been righted; the south end might benefit from a little reinforcing. Brian has photographed the numbered graves for Judy's records. Ann has photographed the old section that was not numbered; editing/labeling of those records will most likely take place after the Pine Grove records are done.

**Judy** spoke of potential simple repairs for some grave markers, based on workshops she has been attending; there are a number of markers that could easily be straightened. There are some flat markers under the maples which are being overtaken by moss and grass; **Ann** will make an effort to tidy them.

There are three large maples grouped together which have a number of dead limbs, several of significant size. **Ann** and **Judy** were concerned about near term risk; there is a question of budgeting. **Mike** will look into costs. When these are scheduled, the job will include a few smaller dead limbs on trees over the east/south stone wall. One of the trees collects water in a joint; **Mike will install a tube to drain it.**

Overall the grounds are in good shape, with a few small shrubs and weeds requiring attention. **Mike** will be primary on that, **Ann** will oversee bittersweet management.

We convened at Cemetery in the Woods at 3:15. It is in good shape; **Mike will trim weeds and small trees to keep it open.** We discussed the need for freshening the materials in the kiosk, a much appreciated Scout project completed a number of years ago and showing its age.

We reached North Cemetery at 3:45. **Mike** had removed the plastic fence and delivered a large pile of nicely weathered rocks toward building a stone wall along the highway. We discussed how to align the wall. The telephone poles on either end of the cemetery are of significantly different setbacks from the pavement. **Mike will learn from the DOT on Monday or Tuesday exactly where the state's right-of-way lies.** From that, we can determine the optimum location for the stone wall, with priority given to protecting some graves which are fairly close to the road, working outside the ROW, and providing a visual effect that feels comfortable and (at least apparently) parallel to the road.

Provision will be made for a 36" gate, which **Judy** is arranging to have made, incorporating from Pine Grove Cemetery some granite posts that are not needed there.

There is a large monument toward the road that is tilted, and **Judy** is interested in having it straightened. There is some deadwood, and some small trees hoping to grow, but most of the grounds are pleasantly rustic. We agreed with **Mike** that continuing a policy of annual cleanup for this cemetery is satisfactory.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Ann C. Somers