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**TOWN OF  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Cemetery Trustees**

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***Brookline Cemetery Trustees Minutes  
Friday, January 21, 2022***

Meeting held in person at Town Hall and via Zoom

**Attending:**

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

The meeting opened at 11:08 a.m. There was no public input.

The planned removal of ancient silver maples was added to the agenda.

The minutes from December 30<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously as written.

**Sexton report**

**Mike** reported that an ongoing dispute about locations within one plot has been resolved. He asked Judy to provide the plot number to be used for an anticipated burial.

**Mike** noted later in the meeting that the sidewalk project is expected to be completed this summer. We will re-align the South Main Street entrances of Nissitissit and Potanipo Lanes in coordination with this.

**Annual Report to Town**

**Brian** has received input from Ann and Judy, and **will circulate a revised version for final review before forwarding it to Tad.**

**Burial documentation**

**Judy** continues to unearth old documents, including plot plans for Lakeside from Farwell sextons Grover, Clarence and Jerry. Burial locations in many of the older graves at Lakeside are likely to

remain unknown. **Judy** will put together for the sexton's use a plot book for Lakeside Cemetery with as much information as she is able to find. Where burial locations are uncertain, the Excel file plot records will be identified in order of death dates within each plot. Judy's review will include Town Reports which go back as far as 1898, in an effort to understand the history of purchases for plots, perpetual care and rights to inter.

**Judy** and **Mike** will continue work toward a "packet" for those wishing to purchase interment rights.

#### **Cemetery Rules and Procedures updates**

Further corrections were made to III.A., III.D. and IV.C so that all references to gravesite purchase now reflect the current Right to Inter. **Judy moved, Ann seconded: A-Y, J-Y, B-Y.**

The sentence from III.A, "Title of the underlying real estate remains with the Town." will be added to the purchase form used by the sexton. **Judy moved, Ann seconded: A-Y, J-Y, B-Y.**

#### **Cleanup schedules**

We determined that cleanup of Pine Grove and Lakeside in anticipation of Memorial Day will take place within the first two weeks of May. North Cemetery and Cemetery in the Woods will be addressed probably once each in 2022. The small maple on the west side of Melendy Lane will be pruned Mike).

#### **Benches at Pine Grove**

Based on observations of current use/need, **Ann** suggested we consider adding some benches at Pine Grove. Brian spoke of a project apparently offered by the company Trex, of collecting certain light plastics (100 lbs in six months) and having them turned into a bench at no charge. **Brian thought the Lions would be happy to support the effort,** and **Mike** said it would work well at the Transfer Station, which would need to monitor it weekly. He noted that Wilton and Milford are doing it. We agreed it would be an excellent project for visibility within the town.

#### **Pet waste management station at Pine Grove**

**Ann** asked whether one such station at Pine Grove might be helpful. We decided maintenance would be a nuisance, and we will count on the approved signs to manage the issue.

#### **Monument damage**

Judy reminded us about the recent damage to a monument which apparently took place due to traffic in Pine Grove for a funeral. Discussion ensued covering the challenges around Pine Grove parking in general, customs such as following the hearse, and the special needs of the elderly. We will be watchful.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m. The next meeting will be Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by Ann C. Somers