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*Minutes  
Cemetery Trustees  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019  
Annual Cemetery Site Walk*

Attendees at the beginning of meeting: Trustees Ann Somers, Brian Rater and Keith Thompson along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

**Keith** opened the meeting at 6pm at Pine Grove Cemetery.

**Pine Grove Cemetery**

**Brian** said that the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee has asked to use the cemetery for parking during the September parade. **Keith** said we would need to have stakes and tape around two sides of the cemetery field to keep vehicles a safe distance from the graves. It was agreed to allow for parking only in the open area. It was agreed that no buses or large trailers would be permitted. It was also agreed that only one point of entrance to the open area should be permitted – on South Main Street and no parking will be permitted on the interior roads.

**Ann** said that she had discussed with **Jerry** what to do with the larger bushes around selected graves and he said that we should have a policy on them. **Brian** said we should think about it and discuss further at our next meeting.

It was noted the graveling of the pathways has not been completed yet by **Jerry**.

It was unanimously agreed that the small maple near Cross Road, shadowed under a much larger tree should be removed as it will continue to not do well in its location.

**Ann** asked if the trustees would like to have trees planted in the remaining open area of the cemetery. It was agreed that adding trees in this area of the cemetery is preferred over the long-term.

As part of next year's sidewalk construction project along South Main Street, **Brian moved, seconded by Keith, to remove the 12 large pine trees located outside the existing white fence along South Main Street; Voted Yes 3-0.**

**Jerry Farwell** arrived at 6:35pm. He said he would pick up the existing piles of debris that had accumulated in the cemetery as well as some fallen branches. He said he would soon be turning on the water as well. Left for North Cemetery at 6:45pm.

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**North Cemetery**

There was discussion of replacing the white fence with a stone wall similar to the other three sides around the cemetery. It was confirmed that the wall would be approximately 130 feet long. **Jerry** will provide an estimate and said he thinks he has enough stone for it. **Tad** said that if cost is a factor, the wall could be completed over two years. Left for Lakeside Cemetery at 7:10pm.

**Lakeside Cemetery**

The worn sign at the grave of **Lemuel Wadsworth**, Brookline's first minister, was still in place. **Tad** said he would follow up again with **Rev. Merrill** to see if the church would like to make a replacement sign. It was also suggested that **Ryan Pauer** may be another good source for the sign. It was noted that the sign read:

First Minister  
Lemuel Wadsworth  
Brookline, NH

It was unanimously agreed to have **Jerry** remove the oak tree growing in the corner of the Shattuck plot. It was also decided to have him remove the spruce tree along the back of the cemetery property line near the lake. The trustees agreed to keep an eye on the struggling large maple in the cemetery and decide on whether it needed to be taken down at a future time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.