

Town of Amherst, NH  
Cemetery Trustee Meeting  
22 Dodge Rd  
July 15, 2021, 1:00 pm.

1. Call to Order at 1:05pm

Marie Grella, Chairperson; Lisa Eastland, member; Eric Hahn, DPW Director; Perry Day, Sexton; Gordon Leedy, guest; Pat Delisle are present

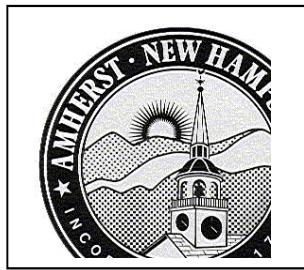
Gordon Leedy was invite to the meeting to give the Trustees landscaping suggestions regarding Forestview Cemetery. Lisa states that one of the first issues that they would like to remedy is border between the cemetery and the Grassett property. Due to growing time they would like it started sooner farther than later. The suggested list of recommended trees and prices given to the Trustees from Amherst Garden is referred to. The trustees are considering prices and life span. There are several spots that are in need of landscaping: the area to be used for a memorial wall; an area for a scatter garden; a reflection area by the brook would be really nice. The Trustees have discussed memorial trees, choosing from a menu of desired trees and placed in specific locations, possibly along the edge. The main entrance may be the gate farthest from Ponemah Rd., landscaping should acknowledge the main entrance. Is it possible for Gordon to come up with some ideas and the Trustees will have a meeting specifically to discuss landscaping. Arborvitae, white spruce, balsam fir, eastern red cedar is discussed. Gordon asks about what the Trustees ideas are regarding a memorial wall. Lisa states that the trustees are leaning more towards some type of wall people who would scatter or cremation that may not have a spot on the ground but they would have it on the wall. They are going more towards the simple black granite. The scatter garden, there is a portion of phase one left open specifically for scattering. Gordon will return for the September meeting with plans and ideas.

Marie makes a motion to adjourn for 5 minutes, seconded by Lisa, all in favor, motion passes.

Meeting called to order at 1:45pm.

Lisa makes a motion to withdraw \$805.00 from the expendable Trust Fund to pay LBA, Inc. invoice #19269 for the installation of the switch for the well pump at Forestview Cemetery. Marie seconds, all in favor. Motion passes.

Lisa makes a motion to approve the right to inter for single grave lot 107C-3 and four grave lot 62H. Marie seconds, all in favor motion passes.



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Discussion:

Scatter garden: Marie met with Jean Johnson, a master gardener. Jean drew up a plan for the Cemetery Trustees. It was agreed upon that the current scatter garden will have to be removed and redone. Jean has suggested different plants that flower at different time of the year so that there will always be flowers there. Perry Day will try to locate granite pieces that will serve as a bench. Marie and Jean discussed markers and pea stone, these are expenses that would be charged to the Cemetery budget. If anything needs to be purchased, Jean would purchase it and the Trustees would reimburse her. Jean may be working under the garden club, Marie will inquire.

Lisa makes a motion to authorize Jean Johnson of the Amherst Garden Club to expend up to \$1,000.00 from the expendable trust fund for plantings for the Meadowview scatter garden. Marie seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Irrigation update: Forestview Cemetery irrigation system is currently running on one well, the contractor will be back at a later date.

HMIS:

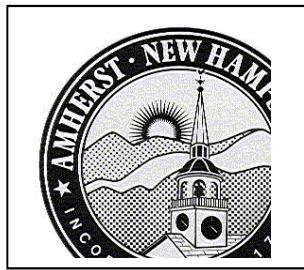
This is no longer supported after December 31, 2021. We could migrate to MIS Enterprise, a cloud based system, eliminates costs for licensing, has a low monthly charge and includes Batesville hosting. Lisa will call and speak with Batesville regarding their support and what our options would be.

Graves at Town Hall:

Perry lets the Trustees know that there is a little bit of erosion on 2 of the tombs. He did cover it with concrete slabs and has spoken with the State of NH archeologist; they did state that they would not get involved in this. There has not been any further erosion and Perry will be repair it

Fence at Cricket Corner:

Acme Pressure washing will be contacted to pressure wash this fence. Estimates will be obtained and it is possible that the existing budget will cover this cost.



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Minutes:

Lisa makes a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2021, seconded by Marie, all in favor, motion passes.

Marie would like to schedule a meeting for the first week of August to reorganize the Trustees. Lisa is available from August 2nd to the 5<sup>th</sup>. The will check with Cynthia on her availability and schedule a meeting.

New Business:

1. Marie has looked into purchasing a shed. It is expensive. The one that they looked into would not require and maintenance. It would have 2 bays, a side and an office, Marie thought that maybe they could find a grant.
2. Lisa would like to discuss natural burials. She would like to know if they could look for land that would support this type of burial.
3. The Rules and Regulations need to be revised and edited. Rules and Regulations have to be approved for Forestview Cemetery. Things that should be reviewed are; the size of the headstones, the cost of scattering and the cost and size of the space to engraving on the memorial wall.
4. The layout of the lots and the headstones Forestview Cemetery. Decisions need to be made if the Right to Inters should be granted for the layout of a 2 grave lot be: 2 graves side by side or 1 in front of the other? Or a four grave lot by 2 graves in front of the other or 4 graves in a row?
5. Would the row be laid out as one row that is all 2 grave lots or mixed rows with 2, 3 4, and 6 grave lots?

Marie makes a motion to adjourn at 2:45, seconded by Lisa. Motion passes, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Delisle