



CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2023

Present: Jim Kenney, Chairman
Darryl Darby, Member/Cemetery Sexton
Gladys Wheeler, Member

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00am. Roll call was taken.
- Acknowledgement of meeting recording status – This meeting was not recorded.
- Finalization of minutes from the October 9, 2023 meeting: Minutes were finalized and the signed version will be provided to the Town Clerk.
- Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries – D. Darby reported that there has been no activity relating to burials since last month's meeting.
- Discussion on draft of Cemetery Rules. The members were informed that the Selectboard indicated that the revised rules would need to be part of the Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Warrant so that the rules could be voted upon. To that end J. Kenney suggested that Information Meetings be held in advance of the ATM to make the voters aware and address any questions / comments. These meetings will be announced on the compactor bulletin board as well as the sign at town hall.

Members agreed that the new rules will serve as guidance for those requesting burials. Individuals requesting burials will be asked to acknowledge receipt of the rules by signing a copy to be kept by the Cemetery Sexton. Green burials have been removed from the current version of the rules. The Board of Health will be notified that green burials may be included in a future update of the rules and the involvement will be requested.

- Update of status of the final version of the Tombstone Inscription Book. J. Kenney met with the Selectboard on October 30 and received approval to use funds in the current Cemetery Commission budget for printing 10 hardcopies of the Tombstone Inscription Book. Copies will be provided to the Town Clerk and the library as both circulation and reference copies. A .pdf version of the Book will be put on the town's webpage. E-copies are available for the asking.
- Pending: Potential meeting with Dan Kaufman, volunteer from the Hinsdale Cemetery in Oct. – No activity on this topic.
- Planning for next Cemetery Commission activities or next Cemetery Commission Meetings – No topics discussed.
- Any Other Business The next meeting will be scheduled on a Monday, December 11, at 10:00am
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:11pm

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman:

Darryl Darby:

Gladys Wheeler:

Date: 12/18/23

