TOWN OF GILFORD

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2022

Attendance:

Trustees Pete Allen, Rae Mello-Andrews, and Kristin Snow were present.

Pete called the public meeting of the Cemetery Trustees to order at 4:00 pm in the Town Hall Cemetery Trustees Office. Members said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the July 7, 2022 minutes made by Rae and seconded by Pete. All voted in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comment:

Gilford resident Val Chase commented that she would like to see the bushes along the front of Pine Grove Cemetery replaced by a fence.

Old Business:

DPW employees are now performing cemetery maintenance tasks, but are short-staffed, and are doing their best.The Trustees will ask Meghan to look for a contractor for the historic cemeteries.

The State of New Hampshire granted permission for the private Kiedaisch Family Cemetery, located on Potter Hill Road in Gilford, to be decommissioned. Wilkinson Beane Funeral Home and Dignified Cemetery Services worked with the family to dis-inter and re-inter one full burial and one cremation burial into recently purchased lots in Pine Grove Cemetery on July 19, 2022.

Kristin will have to resign as Cemetery Trustee when she sells her Gilford home on August 19, 2022. Selectman Kevin Hayes presented Kristin with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Selected Board. The Select Board will make an appointment to fill the rest of her term. Kristin offered to help with training of the new Trustee and maintaining the cemetery databases.

The Trustees discussed options for fencing styles to replace the Pine Grove Cemetery hedge but no motions were made.

New Business:

There have been 10 burials to date in 2022, with 3 scheduled for next week, and 3 others being planned. Six lots have been sold in Pine Grove Cemetery to date in 2022. The Trustees have been in contact with residents interested in purchasing lots in Pine Grove Cemetery and have assisted with stone/marker placements. The Trustees placed a Veteran’s marker in July.

Upcoming Meetings:

The next monthly meeting of the Cemetery Trustees will be held Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Snow, Secretary of the Cemetery Trustees

Approved by vote of the Cemetery Trustees on the first day of September, 2022.