

Town of Orford
Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes July 23, 2022

Members Present: Brenda Smith, David Smith

Others Present: Kurt Gendron, Chase Kling and Seth Carter

Meeting called to order at 9am

There was discussion with Seth Carter, Trustee of Trust Funds, on how cemetery funds were spent and what account they were to be taken from. All information regarding cemetery expenses is found on page 29 of the 2021 Annual Report.

We talked about the layout of the new section of the West Cemetery. Chase Kling thought we should have it surveyed before we did any final plans and approach Emily Bryant about mapping. Charles Smith, Jr. has offered his services as to shot lines for sites, also with no fee. Chase and David Smith will walk all three cemeteries in the next few weeks to see what work needs to be done.

Kurt brought up the fact that Hales Funeral Home has not paid him for the work he did for the Sanborn lot. David has contacted Steve Sanborn about it a couple of times. Hales' is responsible for paying Kurt. Kurt is also asking that we do signage about people driving on the grass and not staying in roadways. We agreed that needed to be done.

David will ask Woodsville Power Equipment to call Esther, Admin Assistant to the Selectboard, to help set up an account so we can get supplies we need for our equipment.

Kurt left and Esther brought up the fact that we need to change the way Kurt is paid for transporting equipment out east and Dame Hill while using his personal vehicle. Kurt needs to keep track of his mileage, and be reimbursed per mile at the IRS rate set each year. Also, he is not covered by the Town's workers comp on any work he does in the cemeteries when it's after hours for other contractors, i.e. Funeral Homes or Fairlee Monuments. Kurt also said he would not do any more groundwork after hours unless he is paid first.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted:
Brenda Smith, Chair