

Town of Orford  
Cemetery Commission  
Meeting Minutes December 10, 2022

Members Present: Brenda Smith, David Smith, Linda Pease

Others Present: Chase Kling, Selectboard Representative, Emily Bryant, Robert Palifka

Meeting called to order at 9 A.M.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Brenda; seconded by David to accept the minutes of November 12, 2022.

Motion passed 3/0.

**Old Business**

Dame Hill Cemetery Tree Removal. LongTo Tree Service will do tree removal before the end of 2022. Cost estimated at \$6,400.

Purchase of Lawn Mower. Purchase of a new mower will be with Aebi in Alstead, NH. The two Ferris mowers purchased in 2015 and 2018 were purchased from Aebi. The cost of a new Ferris mower is \$6-7,500. We are keeping the 2018 mower and trade-in value of the 2015. Aebi will have a look at the 2015 mower to decide worth. We will investigate ordering a new mower now. Purchase of this new mower will be made with Kurt's input. Brenda made a motion to spend no more than \$10,000 for a new Ferris mower out of Capital Reserve Funds, seconded by David. Motion passed 3/0.

**New Business**

Cemetery Mapping. David spoke with Topographix in Hudson, NH regarding onsite cemetery mapping, ground penetrating radar to identify and map unmarked burials, available plots. Linda will contact Topographix asking that they send the Commission a packet of information with sample maps, pricing, and multimedia CD. Emily shared her map of the extension to the West Cemetery plus a couple of deeds and a plan from the Grafton County Registry of Deeds. Emily would be available to work with Topographix.

Closure of Cemeteries. Barways have been put up at the West Cemetery, all artificial flowers have been removed.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Brenda, seconded by David to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 3/0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Pease