

Town of Orford
Cemetery Commission
Meeting Minutes May 11, 2024

Members Present: Brenda Smith, David Smith, Linda Pease

Others Present: Chase Kling, Selectboard Representative, Claudia Tracy

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9 am.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Brenda, seconded by David to accept the minutes of April 13, 2024. Motion passed 3/0.

Updates

- 1)No pets allowed signs purchased by Abby Smith and posted by David Smith at the three cemeteries.
- 2)Flags arrived and will be placed at designated headstones honoring vets for Memorial Day. David Smith will proceed with this.
- 3)Cleaning of headstones – Claudia Tracy of P&C Gravestone Restoration, gave the Commissioners an update of the cleaning of headstones at the Dame Hill Cemetery. Claudia and Paul completed five stones at Dame Hill and began in East Cemetery, finishing two to date. One stone in the East Cemetery is not attached at all. Stone needs to be straightened and fixed. Bernie Marvin from Piermont will attend our Cemetery Commissioners meeting on July 13 to discuss how stones are repaired. Claudia has volunteered to contact John Lord, NH Old Graveyard Association Treasurer and workshop Coordinator, to ask if he will come to one of our meetings in the Fall to hold a workshop to teach the proper way of cleaning stones. Once we have a date, Orford Commissioners will invite other towns to attend.
- 4)Temporary worker(s) have been hired for cemetery maintenance. Chris Gendron, mowing, and Abby Smith, trimming.
- 5)David did meet about trees on Mr. Siemon's land that are hanging over into the Dame Hill cemetery. Mr. Siemons gave his permission for the removal of trees.

Other

David is interested in attending the May 18 NH Old Graveyard Association program in Goffstown, NH to learn maintenance, records preservation and cataloging of graveyards and cemeteries.

Motion made by Brenda, seconded by David to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am. Motion passed 3/0.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Pease