

Town of Chichester, New Hampshire

Cemetery Trustees meeting

February 7, 2022

February 7, 2022, at 9:00 Ruth Hammen, Fred Shaw and Brenda Boswak met at the Historical Society building for a Cemetery Trustees meeting.

Old business

We have decided to postpone gathering up the veterans' memorial wreaths until March. The current condition for walking around in the cemeteries is dangerous because of ice and crusty snow.

We have a signed contract for the 2022 season of cemetery grounds maintenance with Hodgkins Painting & Maintenance of Northwood, NH.

Fred and Ruth are continuing research on the accuracy of the Edmunds-Stanyan cemetery deeds.

A Cemetery Trustees report of the activity for 2021 has been submitted for inclusion in the Chichester Town Report.

New business

Fred is working on researching the discrepancy between number of cemetery trusts established in 2021 and the number of cemetery lots sold. These should match, they did not for 2021. The trusts should be established in a timely manner.

We continued our discussion on the possibility of changing cemetery deeds to cemetery "right of interment". We hope to schedule cemetery trustees from neighboring towns to discuss with us how their towns handle this topic and what the pros and cons of changing would be.

Our priority this season is monument repairs. We will begin with the most visible stones and monuments that are damaged. We agreed repairing and or replacing the stone for Dr. Amasa Kelly, in Brown Cemetery, on Ring Road, is important for this season. We believe he is the only Chichester doctor buried in town. Brenda will follow up with the estimate we requested from Perry Bros. Monument in Pembroke, NH.

More accurate information is needed on the names and locations of graves in Perkins-Maxfield Cemetery on Pleasant Street. Ruthie will contact Gordon Jones for any information he may have.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boswak, Cemetery Trustee, Secretary