

Town of Chichester, New Hampshire

Cemetery Trustees Meeting

November 9, 2021

The Cemetery Trustees met at 9:00 a.m. at the home of Ruthie Hammen

Ruthie Hammen, and Brenda Boswak were in attendance.

**Old business.**

The new notice boards have been completed by Lee Beachy. They are installed in Knowlton/Edgerly Cemetery, Leavitt Cemetery and Pineground Cemetery with the Cemetery Rules and Regulations posted in them.

Repairs have been done on some stones in Knowlton/Edgerly Cemetery.

We are waiting on the landscaping/maintenance bid for the 2022 season. We anticipate an increase in the cost.

November 12, American flag removal from gravesites will begin. A small white flag holder will be placed in the ground, on the left side of the gravestone, for next season. These will be used on the gravesites without any flag holder. This hopefully will solve the problem of flags tipping and touching the ground and/or blowing away. Some thought and planning will need to be done on providing permanent, attractive flags holders for veterans.

A contractor has been chosen for the removal of the large dead Ash trees in the Burying Yard/Edmunds-Stanyan Cemetery. The date has not been scheduled yet, it will be before the end of December 2021.

All the veterans' gravestones up to WWII have been cleaned in each cemetery in town.

The ***Wreaths Across America*** campaign is receiving a great show of support from the town. As of today 62, wreaths have been sponsored. Brenda is the Location Coordinator for this event. The timeline of the event and duties of volunteers is

not yet complete. Volunteers will receive more detailed information after the November 30 deadline for sponsorship when we have a total wreath and volunteer count.

**New Business:**

Glass alcoholic beverage containers have been found on gravestones in the Leavitt Cemetery.

This is not allowed as stated in the Cemetery Rules & Regulations. This is concerning due to the possibility of minors using these. If this becomes an ongoing issue, further thought will be given to request for more police monitoring of the cemeteries. We would like to discourage visitors to the cemeteries to please refrain from leaving ***ANY beverage containers and food items on the gravesites.*** These items attract unwanted animals and are dragged around the cemeteries partially eaten making for an unpleasant appearance.

Ruthie is preparing the breakdown of maintenance to be submitted to the Trustee of the Trust Funds.

We are beginning to gather some estimates for more stone/fence repair, and replacement gates to be submitted to the town Budget Committee for 2022.

Ruthie is answering many phone calls and emails and assisting with burial lot sales and staking lots for interment.

The updated Chichester veterans list is nearly complete.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Boswak, Secretary

Cemetery Trustee

