

Hampton Falls Cemetery Trustee Meeting  
January 12, 2023  
1:10pm

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Present: J. Bohm - Chairman, Tracy Healey-Beattie, W. Harrington Trustees,

A posted meeting of the Cemetery Trustees was held on Thursday January 12, 2023 at the Hampton Falls Town Hall.

1. Chairman J. Bohm welcomed Deb Tanner Chaput and Karen Tanner Thorton, daughters of the late Herald Tanner, longtime resident of Hampton Falls. Their purpose was to learn more about how to pursue deceased family members and questions regarding location in Westview Cemetery, Trustee W. Harrington was most helpful in providing specific information on the 'Find a Grave' and "Crypt Keeper". Karen Thorton referenced her husband Jon's effort to remove weeds surrounding veterans' graves. Also, a request for him to lift the veteran's monuments and place gravel and stone dust as a base. Cemetery Trustees were unanimous in their affirmative response. Trustees ask that they forward any bills for material to them. Karen Thorton noted that there are 99 veterans buried in Westview Cemetery and a total of 250 veterans in Hampton Falls. "Wreaths Across America" was most successful. It was suggested that the Tanner sisters consult the American Legion on the process of conveying notice of a veteran's death to the Town.

2. Minutes Accepted with amendments.

3. Chairman Bohm reported that relatives of deceased Anita Conant requested permission to dig the cemetery site and bury her ashes. Permission granted.

4. Identification of empty burial sites at Westview Cemetery could require steel probing.

5. W. Harrington spoke to a possible need to position a storage shed for cemetery tools near Westview Cemetery. After discussion among trustees, it was decided to continue our use of a locked cabinet containing such tools in the town brush dump. Access to electricity is already established at this site. Trustees will contact Road Agent to check on code to Brush Dump.

6. Fencing on the side of Westview Cemetery has several broken slats. It was decided that due to construction of posts, it would not be advisable to maintain this fence. Other considerations were discussed such as granite posts only positioned distance apart.

7. Trustee T. Beattie referred to the private cemetery owned by Kevin and Daniel Philbott on Kensington Road. Town Administrator Karen Anderson provided the Cemetery Trustees with information regarding private cemetery termination to public cemetery. To be tabled, during with time T. Beattie will speak to cemetery owners to determine how they would like to proceed with the possible deeding of the cemetery to the Town. Motion for adjournment by J. Bohm. Seconded by T. Beattie. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

**Respectively submitted,**  
**Tracy Healey-Beattie, Secretary Pro tem**