

Meeting of the Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemetery Trustees DRAFT MINUTES

August 15, 2018

Present: Maureen Mann, Dana van der Bijl, Rick Druckenmiller, Paul Murphy

Absent: Tina St. Peter

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Mark Young was scheduled to attend but was unable to make it. Paul will get in touch with Mark to discuss **maintenance for Ladd and Philbrick**, which are no longer being maintained by the town but by volunteers. We should look into reallocating those funds to perform initial cleanup on cemeteries that are being adopted by local volunteers and organizations.

Rick presented an estimate of **\$3,500** from **AQ Fence** for repair of the fencing at the **Batchelder Cemetery** on South Road. There is just over \$2,500 in the trust account for that cemetery. Rick will ask Scott Zenor of AQ Fence if he would consider donating some of the labor.

The board unanimously voted to submit a **new budget of \$28,000**, up from our current (default) budget of \$21,452.

Maureen is transcribing information for the remaining **cemetery books**. She will send them to Paul for proofreading, and then to Dana for layout.

Deerfield resident **Sam White** attended the meeting and expressed an interest in hunting down the remaining cemeteries, starting with **Poor Cemetery**. The trustees are grateful for his help and will provide him with all pertinent information.

Dana will touch base with Tina about the **Babb Road** cemetery. Tina was going to visit with **Sam Simons**, who will show her the way.

The group discussed a product called **Wet It and Forget It**. Paul said he tried it and it worked very well. The best part about it is that there is not a lot of water required. The product is applied, and the rain does the rest. Dana will check with the company to ensure it is safe to use on old gravestones.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 19th at 8:30 am**.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dana van der Bijl, Secretary