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Hooksett Cemetery Commission

Thursday March 17, 2011

Commission Chair Sharron Champagne called the meeting to order at 7:45pm; this meeting had been previously posted in two public locations. Proof of posting can be found on the town website: www.hooksett.org

Attendance: All committee members present; Sharron Champagne (Committee Chair), Mike Horne and John Danforth (Secretary)

Public in attendance: None.

Approval of the minutes for the meeting of January 20, 2010: Motion to accept as presented by Mike and seconded by Sharron; unanimously approved.

Public Input: None.

Policy Review: See Old Business

Old Business

Town Council Update: Mike or John will attend the March 23rd Council meeting. Funds remaining after the completion of the Eagle Scout Sign Project for Martins Cemetery have been donated to the Cemetery Commission. A formal request to the Council to accept the donation has been made, and the Council to vote on March 23rd.

The money is intended to be put towards signs for other town cemeteries that do not have a sign; an example being Riverside. This project will be undertaken in fiscal year 2012.

A thank you letter from the Town Council to GE for their volunteer work painting the fencing at Martins Cemetery in Fall 2010 will also be requested.

Budget: Current budget status is 25% expended (actual) which is under the anticipated 67.31% expenditure to date for this fiscal year.

Cemetery Regulations:

The group began the formal review of the current regulations for Hooksett Cemeteries. The discussion will continue at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The topics and suggestions that were discussed are:

Right to Inter; not deeding actual property

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Transfer of right to inter

Numbers and types of internments per lot

Currently: 1 casket and 1 cremation or 2 cremations

Suggested: up to 4 internments per lot

Cost to Inter (suggested)

\$300 right to inter 2

(+) 1 internment is \$100

(+) 2 internments would be \$150; 4 internments would be \$450

Q: Do we differentiate between resident and non-resident?

Right to remove trees, shrubs or plantings that will become detrimental

Existing owners may exchange deeds for rights to inter

Each grave must have markers and in place within a particular timeframe

Flowers/plants max 18" high and cannot be within 6" of lot line, placed in front of the marker

New Business

NH Cemetery Association Spring Meeting is April 13 at the Red Blazer restaurant in Concord starting at 9:00am.

Record Keeping

Plot Sales: No new plot sales since our last meeting.

Monument Approvals: No new requests have been made since our last meeting.

Burials: No burial notifications were received.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm; the next scheduled meeting will be April 21, 2011 at 7:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John H. Danforth
Cemetery Commission Secretary

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