

Springfield, NH Cemetery Commission Meeting; August 13, 2019. Pleasant View Cemetery; 4:00PM DRAFT

PRESENT: George McCusker, Selectboard; Richard Petrin & Dale Milne, Commissioners.

Minutes: It was voted to approve the August minutes, with a few small changes.

George updated us on changes in manpower that affect the cemeteries. Peter Abair is now working alone at SHD; Mike has moved to Massachusetts. The dead trees on the outside of the stone wall to be cut by Mike were not done. Curt has been assisting him with mowing in town, but Pleasant View's grass looked neat and well cared for. He also brought a sample size of Flex-Glue, a plastic cement that may help us in the future.

We toured Old Pleasant View to see the work that Kai Nalenz completed and listed some stones that still need work or have broken recently. The decorative top is off of the Joseph Smith memorial, Peaslee is broken; in front of the large Wiggins memorial, the James Cofran stone has fallen. In front of the large Maxfield lot, Patterson and a double Maxfield stone are leaning. One stone fell this summer. Below the road, others that will need attention are John Heath (next to Dolly, near the wall) and the serious crack in Elder Nason's stone. Many flagged from 2017 and 2018 have not been repaired, so we have a long list of needs.

Dale brought up the Fall Newsletter from NH Old Graveyards, where stone cleaning is the main topic. The NHOGA news is filled with news of workshops for stone cleaning (website: NHGOA.org). An excerpt from one article reads: "Volunteers discovered that stone cleaning is a time consuming & labor-intensive task...It took one group three volunteers over an hour to clean one side of a large monument." (Jennie Holmes, news@fosters.com) The issue also notes that the Somersworth Cemetery Trustees received funding from the State through the Moose Plates program to repair an historic iron gate. Free NHOGA workshops can be arranged with Richard Maloon of Merrimack (603-424-5621).

The October meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, the 8th at 4:00.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Milne
Secretary