



CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2023

Present: Jim Kenney, Chairman
Darryl Darby, Member/Cemetery Sexton
Gladys Wheeler, Member

- The meeting was called to order at 10:01am. Roll call was taken.
- Acknowledgement of meeting recording status – This meeting was not recorded.
- Finalization of minutes from the September 5, 2023 meeting: Minutes were finalized and the signed version will be provided to the Town Clerk.
- Updates on recent activity / requests regarding the cemeteries since the September meeting– D. Darby reported that he was contacted by a member of the Russell family to arrange for the interment of Lealon Russell’s cremated remains in South Cemetery. Discussion ensued and the members agreed that a burial permit will be needed from the Town Clerk and that Justin Russell should be made aware should assistance be needed.
Darryl also reported that Bradford Torrey had been interred in North Cemetery
- Review of the 2023 version of the Tombstone Inscription Book: This topic was not addressed for lack of time.
- Discussion of draft Cemetery Rules: Members engaged in a thoughtful discussion of the proposed Cemetery Rules but were only able to address sections: OBTAINING CEMETERY PLOTS / CHARGES and BURIALS. The remaining sections will be the focus of discussion at the November meeting, Members questioned if the Cemetery Rules are guidelines or part of the town by-laws. Also questioned is if this update will need to be included on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. J. Kenney agreed to follow-up on these issues.
- Potential meeting with Dan Kaufman, volunteer from the Hinsdale Cemetery in Oct. / Sept.: This topic was not addressed for lack of time.
- Any Other Business: Darryl mentioned that there may be interest from a town resident in joining the Commission. It was suggested that if interest is sincere, the individual should request to be added to the Commission by the Selectboard.
- Planning for next Cemetery Commission activities or next Cemetery Commission Meetings: The next meeting will be scheduled on a Monday, November 12, at 10:00am
- Adjourn Meeting at 12:04pm

Respectfully approved and submitted:

James Kenney, Chairman: 

Darryl Darby: 

Gladys Wheeler: 

Date: 11/13/23

