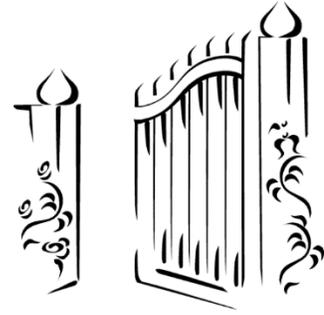


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Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 24, 2023 – 7pm
Gilmanton Academy
503 Province Road, Gilmanton, NH

Present: Trustees Candace Daigle, Leonard (JR) Stockwell, Jr., and John Dickey; staff Sexton Paul Lines.

Approval of Minutes – July 26, 2023

MOTION: On a motion by John, seconded by JR, it was voted unanimously to accept the minutes of July 26, 2023 as written. (3-0)

Site Reports

A. Beech Grove

1. NHOGA Training – A donation check has been sent to NHOGA in appreciation for John Lord's recent gravestone cleaning workshop.
2. On-going stone cleaning – Stone cleaning continues with Adam Mini, Vinnie Baiocchetti, and Danny Redin (authorized stone cleaning crew) working on stones in Beech Grove. They have cleaned several stones including those that would be highlighted in John's recent history talk. They are also posting their photos on a new Gilmanton Gravestone Cleaners Facebook Page.
3. John reported on the recent tour he hosted of Beech Grove for the Historical Society. It was very well attended with some 45 participants. He said Paul and Karen had done a beautiful job mowing and trimming the site and the gravestone crew had done wonders on the stones. He received good comments on the presentation and the site.

B. Buzzell

1. JR has placed the Mary Smith stone in the orphan stone section.
2. Paul said the weed-damaged area has grown back in somewhat. JR will seed in the fall.

C. **Tibbetts** – Paul reported on the repair work since the heavy rain damage suffered earlier this summer. He and Karen were able to move sufficient material to get the gates reopened. The State has cleared much of the material deposited in front of the wall and gate, but in doing so a lot of sand and other debris was pushed up into the wall for a length of 20'-30'. He said they will pull what they can out of the wall and Candace will check to see if the State will return to remove that material from the site.

Other Project Reports

A. **Cemetery Trustee Alternates** – The Trustees welcomed Adam Mini as an Alternate Trustee and they reviewed the application received from Daniel Redin for the second Alternate position.

MOTION: On a motion by John, seconded by JR, it was voted unanimously to request that the Selectmen appoint Daniel Redin as an Alternate Trustee for the one-year term. (3-0)

B. **Site Signs** – Seven signs are ordered, and deposit is paid. Paul noted a problem with the Tibbetts sign. Candace will contact Dan.

C. **Debris chipper/mulcher** – Discussion on purchasing a chipper. Paul has done additional research into this. He is concerned that a unit that is small enough to be transported into the sites will not

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actually be able to handle the amount/size of the debris to be processed. Concerns would be maximum size of branches, wet leaves clogging the unit, that it would not be a time-saver, personal safety and being sure the unit is worth the expenditure. JR will have a unit later in the year to demo. A final decision will be made once the concerns and demo are complete.

- D. **NHOGA stone repair workshop** – With the recent stone cleaning workshop being such a huge success and allowing us to reach a new level in our site maintenance duties, the Trustees discussed the request from the stone cleaning crew and Bud Young to host a NHOGA stone repair workshop. Bud has generously offered to gather a crew of interested individuals to be trained in stone repairs for our sites. The work envisioned would include straightening and mending stones, securing stones to bases, and bedding flat stones. It was agreed that Tibbetts provided the most opportunities for such a workshop. Cars could park along Tibbetts Road. Candace will contact John Lord to see if he is available on October 21st.

Budget

- A. **Current Year** - Town Budget, General and Perpetual Care Funds, Expendable Trust Fund, McIntyre Fund and encumbered funds are all within normal parameters.
- B. **Upcoming Year** – The 2024 budget appropriation request was presented to the Selectmen with little discussion.

Adjournment

MOTION: On a motion by JR, seconded by John, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:32pm. (3-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace L. Daigle
