



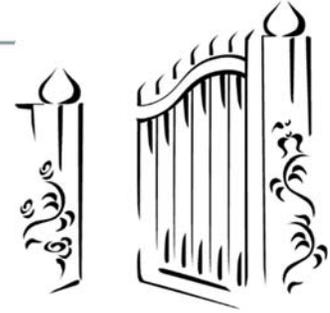
# TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

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Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 7pm  
Gilmanton Academy  
503 Province Road

Present: Trustees Candace Daigle, Leonard (JR) Stockwell, Jr. and John Dickey.

## Site Updates

- a. Beede Upgrades – With the season winding down, Mr. Beede may yet be able to complete gravestone repairs/post erection in at least the Buzzell Cemetery this year.
- b. Town Pound – Construction has commenced on abutting lot. The portable toilet the contractor placed within the 50' easement to the Town Pound is acceptable if no damage occurs from same and it is removed post construction. Trustees have erected safety fencing around easement area.
- c. Problem trees in Copp & Tibbetts – have been removed.
- d. Buzzell – Stone for Mrs. Sordelline will be installed.
- e. Beech Grove – Rice corner markers have not yet been installed.
- f. Mary Butler home site fence condition will be checked.
- g. Page – J. Dickey reported that Mr. Henry Page was so pleased with the recent gravestone project completed in the cemetery that he will be sending in a donation towards the cemetery. This is a wonderful beginning in establishing a general care fund for each cemetery; hopefully other descendants might consider donations into the fund to lessen the annual cost to taxpayers in the future.

## Minutes

**MOTION:** On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of September 13, 2016, as written. (3-0)

## Budget

- a. C. Daigle will be working with Brenda Paquette at the Town Hall to better account for revenue that comes in from the trust funds to cover expenses so that it does not leave our town budget looking overspent.
- b. The members discussed the annual budget appropriation request for 2017. Gilmanton has been very fortunate for many years to have a dedicated staff that has worked very hard for well under commercial rates to keep the 38 sites maintained. However, descendants, understandably, want the cemeteries to always be in a neat, mowed condition. Recently we were able to add to our part-time seasonal staff which has made a huge difference in the level of service we can provide. This has been our first full year with this staffing and we are better able to structure our upcoming budget to meet the Town's needs. In addition, we're working closely with the new finance director to more clearly represent in our town budget the amount of revenue from the trust funds that is also used to cover expenses. It was decided to request a total of \$1,450 increase in the Grounds Keeping and Salaries accounts which are those funds used directly for mowing and other basic maintenance; a small increase of \$34 for the related salary costs; and no increase in Repairs & Maintenance

or Supplies. This request is to directly benefit basic maintenance of the cemeteries.

**MOTION:** On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to request \$10,480 as noted above for the 2017 town budget appropriation request. (3-0)

**Election**

**MOTION:** On a motion by J. Dickey, seconded by JR Stockwell, it was voted to elect C. Daigle as Chairman for the upcoming year. (2-0, C. Daigle abstained)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Candace L. Daigle, Trustee