



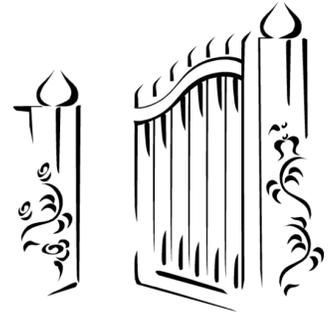
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Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 19, 2008, 7pm
Gilmanton Academy
503 Province Road

Present: Trustees Marion McIntyre, Candace Daigle and Leonard Stockwell, Jr.

Budget: The Trustees discussed the current budget status and appropriation request for 2009.

Buzzell: The main discussion regarded the open Town cemetery, Buzzell. This year the side entrance project began. The entrance originally had two openings in the stone wall; one was gated with a large iron farm gate and one was open. Both were large enough to drive a vehicle through. The gated entrance was actually in the wrong location for permanent access because it was located adjacent to saleable lots. The Trustees reviewed the site and determined that the openings needed to be adjusted to the correct locations. One opening large enough to pass a vehicle would be left with the intent to be gated and a smaller walk-thru would also be created. The rock work should be completed this year (\$1,500) and prices were obtained to gate the larger opening to be budgeted for next year.

Currently there is approximately \$2,300 remaining in the '08 budget. The remaining rock work will be \$400 and there is still the remaining maintenance work to be done. Two estimates were received for the Buzzell gates (double drive-thru and single walk-thru); one is to essentially match the front gates - \$4,594; and the second is to use more modern techniques as opposed to as much handwork - \$3,590. The Trustees felt the second estimate was more acceptable.

Trustee Stockwell noted that there are some extra wall stones left from this project. They have been piled off to one side and can be used at the Foster site (or some other cemetery worksite). Trustee Daigle noted she plans to repaint the lot corner pins that were uncovered last year to assist in delineating lots.

2009: The Trustees anticipate that some funds will be left in the current year's budget which will be deposited into the expendable trust fund. They agreed to request \$500 extra in Beautification next year for the gate cost. If there are sufficient funds as the '09 year progresses they will contract for the gates. If not, the funds will be held and the difference applied from the 2010 budget. Trustee Stockwell will contact Mr. Pinette and let him know the plan.

The next site is intended to be rock wall work at the Foster Cemetery (estimate \$2,000 although now we have some stone towards that project).

Foss: Mr. Foss hired Carl Moorehead to maintain the Foss cemetery this year. He sent a copy of the bill and payment check for our records. The Trustees will view the site and return copies

of the photos to Mr. Foss. He will also receive a copy of the year-end report from the Trust Fund.

Regulations: The Trustees signed the permanent record copy of the previously approved Regulation amendments.

Rule Signs: Trustee Daigle believes the 10 required 7' sign posts will be donated. Trustee Stockwell will erect the signs at Copp, Buzzell, Tibbetts, Sleeper, Parsons, Hillside, Friends, Lougee and Sawyer Lake. The 10th sign will be erected at Beech Grove if accepted.

Easement/Trail Markers: Trustee Stockwell will begin to erect Easement/Trail markers as necessary. Possible sites are the bounds of the Mary Butler Easement and the dedicated access to the Edgerly(1) cemetery.

Mary Butler Homesite: The DAR has agreed to permit the Trustees to replace the existing fence and revolving gate. The Gilmanton Historical Society will pay for the materials. Trustee Stockwell will donate the fabrication and installation work. When ready for staining the Trustees will contact both the Historical Society and the DAR so they can participate in the final work as well as undertake publicity if they wish.

Beech Grove Cemetery: The Beech Grove Cemetery Association is no longer able to provide continuing oversight of the cemetery and has requested that the Trustees support their petition to the Town to accept the Cemetery in the same manner as the Town previously accepted the Buzzell Cemetery. For that purpose they have formally voted to dissolve the Association and turn all related real and other assets over to the Town of Gilmanton if a vote to accept is passed at Town Meeting. Beech Grove is a 5.7ac site off Province Road in the Corners. The Association was formed in 1872. There have been many burials over the years. Although there are still lots available, the site is similar to Buzzell in the level of activity selling approximately 1 lot per year. The Association has adopted Regulations similar to the Town's. Many years ago all trust fund monies were also turned over to the Town and are invested and administered by the Trustees of Trust Funds. They have a small bank account, approximately \$7,250 which would be turned over to the Town to be deposited into the Beech Grove general care fund. The Association currently hires Carl Moorehead to maintain the cemetery. The income from the existing care funds covers the annual cost of maintenance. There are no known repairs, upgrades or bills outstanding. The Trustees discussed the proposal. It would be better to act to support and obtain all necessary deeds and funds up front rather than let the cemetery fall into disrepair, have the existing bank funds expended and then still have it fall to the Town to take over management upon abandonment.

MOTION: On a motion by M. McIntyre, seconded by L. Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to support the acceptance of the Beech Grove Cemetery. (3-0)

Jordan-Guinea Ridge: Trustee Daigle noted she and Trustee McIntyre had spoken to Becky Jordan regarding a proposed interment in the Jordan lot at Guinea Ridge. Ms. Jordan said that her grandfather had purchased the burial lot in the 1930's to bury his infant daughter, Janet. The lot was large enough for 20 cremains. Then in 1984 when Harold and his wife died, \$200 was given for perpetual care of the lot. Trustee McIntyre confirmed that there are two stones, Harold

& wife and Earling & wife, but Earling's wife, Madeline is still alive. No stone for the infant.

The new burial is for Nancy Jordan, wife of Donald Jordan (Harold's son). Donald's name (still alive) will also be put on stone now.

Ms. Jordan was informed that they would need to provide proof of lot ownership. Trustee Daigle also spoke to her father. They do not have a deed or will. They called Probate Court but Probate was unsure what the Jordan's needed.

Trustee Daigle spoke to Karen Brickner at Probate and explained what was necessary by providing information obtained from Terry Knowles of the Attorney General's Office. Ms. Brickner was going to speak to Judge Christina O'Neill to figure out what they needed to do and then get back to the Trustees and Mr. Jordan. The Trustees would like to be able to counsel people in the future on what will be needed.

It's important that the Trustees have a valid list of who controls burials in each site to protect both the original lot owner and the Town. There has been no resolution to date. Trustee Daigle will contact Ms. Jordan.

Deforest Special Exception: The Trustees discussed the ZBA notice for the Deforest Special Exception for a Contractor's Yard on Grant Hill Road. As this site is across the highway from the Page cemetery, no concerns were noted.

NHCA Meeting:

Trustees Daigle and McIntyre will attend the fall workshop.

Minutes:

MOTION: On a motion by M. McIntyre, seconded by L. Stockwell, it was voted unanimously to adopt the minutes of the April 17, 2008, meeting as written. (3-0)

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace L. Daigle, Trustee