

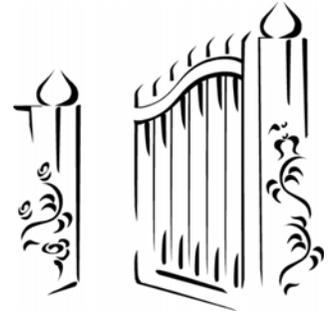


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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 7pm

Gilmanton Academy

503 Province Road

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

Trustee Membership and Officers: The Board acknowledged the resignation of long-time Trustee Marion McIntyre. Marion has been a Trustee since 1988 and provided guidance and support to the Board and the community especially in the areas of genealogy, historic knowledge and research, and community spirit. The members look forward to her continued involvement in providing genealogy support as she is able. Members Stockwell and Daigle welcomed newest Member John Dickey who has been appointed by the Selectmen to serve until the next election. John's knowledge and interest in the Town's history, serving as President of the Gilmanton Historical Society, will be a great asset to the Board.

MOTION: On a motion by JR Stockwell, seconded by J. Dickey it was voted to appoint C. Daigle as chairman. (2-0-1 C. Daigle abstained)

Candace will check on the filing period for 2013 and let those up for election know.

The Members discussed some of the history and processes of the Board to bring John up to speed. He was provided with several documents to assist in his review of the information. Additional documents will be provided that include a Town-wide map, the site information booklet, business cards, additional background information on the Beech Grove passageway encroachment, policy on loose stones, etc. It was noted that the Trustees also manage the Town Pound and the Mary Butler homesite, but not the Mudgett homesite.

Website: It was noted that several items previously on the website are no longer showing. Candace will replace as necessary.

Mack – Beech Grove: JR reported that he completed the repair of the Mack headstone that was found and returned to the Trustees and the two stones have been replaced in the Beech Grove Cemetery.

Dustin – Beech Grove: JR reported that he obtained a headstone originally on the Moses Dustin grave in Beech Grove. The stone had previously been replaced with a new stone that included more service history. The original stone had been removed from the cemetery and was recently returned to the Trustees. JR has erected the stone adjacent to the new stone so that it is back in an appropriate location.

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Stone wall – Beech Grove: JR reported that Twin Elms Landscaping has completed the erection of the remaining section of the Beech Grove rear wall. The Trustees agreed the work was very well done. The Trustees appreciated that in order to accommodate this work the Trustees received a letter of permission from the abutters to allow access to the work site over their property. The majority of the stones for the project were also donated.

Annual Report: Members reviewed items to be included in the Annual Report. They included Marion's retirement, the return of Moses Dustin's stone to Beech Grove, the Beech Grove wall and obtaining the Osgood Cemetery easement.

Headstones – Buzzell Cemetery: Candace reported on the difficulties presented by a monument company setting a headstone at the Buzzell Cemetery. The company had a problem with the stone and it had to be set, removed and reset. This required the gate to be unlocked several times. The members also noted the new grave layout which was done by the Buzzell Cemetery Association before it was turned over to the Town, resulted in very small graves, very tightly placed. This results in very poor access to the graves for both burial and headstone setting. This may be a continuing problem in the future. Additionally, the Trustees have previously decided to eliminate the first row of graves along the main driveway to better facilitate vehicle access. This needs to be accomplished by rewriting the transfer to Ouellette, which Mr. Ouellette has agreed to. The Trustees also need to have granite posts erected along that main driveway so vehicles do not travel over sold and/or occupied graves.

Upcoming Projects: The Trustees discussed upcoming projects. They noted that it appears that most of the wall work has been completed. They will turn their attention to the remaining needed gates and signs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Candace L. Daigle, Trustee