

Cemetery Trustee Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2025

- The meeting opened with Jim Hajar, Jillian Benedix, and Dexter Swasey (representing the Brentwood Historic Society) present.
Joyce could not be present this evening as she is out of town supporting her dad. The trustees again send their thoughts and prayers to Joyce and her dad.
- **Motion:** Jim, 2nd by Jillian to open the public hearing for the Brentwood Poor Farm at 5:02PM
 - Jim read the public notice officially
 - Jim, Jillian and Dexter briefly discussed the next steps to be taken after the public hearing is closed. Once the public hearing is completed, the Trustees will request that per RSA 289:20 they declare the cemetery abandoned.
- **Motion** by Jillian, 2nd by Jim to accept the January 9th meeting minutes as presented. Jim will update the minutes and update the website to no longer show as ‘draft’.
- **Cemetery Activity**
 - **Website** – Jillian verified that website had been updated with Cemetery Trustees and Alternates
 - **Quaker Cemetery** - At our next meeting we can get an update from Skip in regards to approaching them again in the spring asking if it is possible to erect a sign to at least mark the cemetery for the benefit of the community.
 - **Tonry flags and wreaths** - All flags and wreaths had been removed for winter.
- **Other Business**
 - None
- **Future Planning, calendar**
 - **Cemetery Trustee opening and Alternate Trustees** – Since no one is running for the open trustee seat, Jim and Jillian will post on facebook a week before the March 11th election to please write in Albert “Skip” Belanger for cemetery trustee. Jim had spoken to Skip and he supports being a write in candidate. We will then work together to try to get alternates appointed by the select board in late spring.
 - **Requirements for Future New Town Cemetery** – Jim spoke to Bruce Stevens regarding the timeline for the donated property off South Road. Bruce said he is working with the conservation commission to try to get the donation completed by end of 2025. The Cemetery Trustees will speak to the planning board, conservation commission, and select board regarding the

process of having the town accept the gift and once it is town property the steps in planning for a future cemetery. We all agreed to wait until after town meeting to bring this issue to the boards.

- **Motion** Jim second by Jillian to close the public hearing on the Brentwood Poor Farm Cemetery at 6:04PM.
 - As no descendants responded to the Town or attended the public hearing, the Cemetery Trustees will notify the Select Board that per RSA 289:20 they declare the cemetery abandoned. Per RSA,
If any descendants were located and grant permission, or if no descendants were located, then, after a public hearing, the municipality may declare the burial ground abandoned by a majority vote of the selectmen or city councilmen present and voting

- **Motion** Jillian second by Jim to adjourn at 6:14 PM.

Next Meeting is on Thursday March 6, 2025, at 5PM at Town Office.