

Town of Amherst, NH  
Cemetery Trustee Meeting  
22 Dodge Rd  
July 20, 2023  
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Call to Order at 7:35 am  
Marie Grella, Chairperson; Cynthia Dokmo, member; Lisa Eastland, member; Peter Lyon, Selectman; Eric Slosek, DPW Director: Perry Day, Sexton; Pat Delisle attending.

**Citizen Forum:** No citizens present.

**Minutes:** Lisa makes a motion to approve the minutes of May 25, 2023, seconded by Cynthia Dokmo. All in favor, motion passes

**Rules and Regulations:** Cynthia makes a motion to approve new verbiage in the Rules & Regulations, Lisa seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Section D #3 of the rules and regulations will now read:

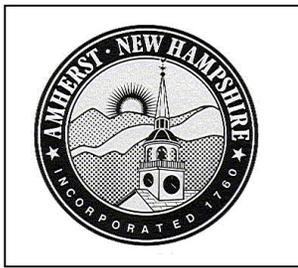
3. The Cemetery Sexton will oversee all plantings. Except for Memorial Trees, planting of shrubs, trees, and flowers outside of an approved planter is prohibited. It is the duty of the lot owner, or the heirs or assignees, to maintain any permitted plantings. If the plantings hinder maintenance work, disrupt the aesthetic of the cemetery or by means of roots or branches, become detrimental to the lot, or the adjacent lots, avenues or paths, Cemetery Trustees or their agents, have the right, but not the duty, to enter the lot and remove said vegetation without notice to the owner, heirs or assignees. With the prior written permission of the Trustees, planters are permitted provided they do not extend past the width of the grave marker. On graves with a flat or flush granite marker, only removable pots are permitted. All flowerpots are permitted and may be removed when wilted. Except for sanctioned Memorial Trees, planting of any other tree is prohibited, unless there is written permission from the Cemetery Trustees. The application submitted to obtain permission must include the type of plantings and location. Approval is at the sole discretion of the Cemetery Trustees. Such permitted plantings shall abut the gravestones and not infringe on any other grave sites or disrupt normal maintenance. Plantings shall be removed at the sole discretion of the Cemetery Sexton without notice to any party if it appears no maintenance has occurred within two years.

With the exception of sanctioned Memorial Trees and containers as discussed below as well as trees and shrubs planted prior to December 7, 2001. Planting of shrubs, trees and flowers is prohibited. It is the duty of lot owner or its heirs or assigns to maintain any permitted plantings. If plantings hinder maintenance, disrupt the aesthetic of the cemetery or, by means of roots or branches, become detrimental to the lot, or to the adjacent lots, avenues or paths, Trustees or their agent, have the right but not the duty, to enter the lot and remove said trees, shrubs, plantings or containers, without notice to the owner or its heirs or assigns. With the prior written permission of the Trustees, flower containers are permitted provided that they are permanently affixed to the marker or are partially buried and closely abut the marker, Said container cannot extend beyond the length of the marker.

Section B. 4) The pricing for lots was discussed 3 or 4 months prior and will be discuss at an upcoming meeting.  
The cost of the marker is discussed; an amount and company name should not appear in the Rules & Regulations. Corner marker should remain uniform. Cynthia has agreed to work on the verbiage for this section.

Section E. 1. After some discussion this will remain the same after discussion.

Lisa will work on the verbiage for Section D 1 b. The Trustees have agreed that “not to exceed 36” in height” should be stricken from the Rules & Regulations.



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Cynthia makes a motion to increase the cost of a vault to \$300.00 from \$200.00, seconded by Lisa, all in favor, motion passes.

The Town invoice will be discussed and approved for payment at a later date.

Lisa has a recommendation as to how this invoice should be paid and what percentage will be paid from which fund.

Marie followed up on the scatter garden headstone and it will be installed in 1 week.

Once the Trustees determine the amount of land and location of land at Forestview Cemetery that would be sold, John Rizzi will be contacted. Marie suggests that the Trustees meet in late August solely for this purpose. Cynthia will be unavailable for most of August and would like to meet in September. Cynthia would like to reserve space for a gazebo, to accommodate Celebration of Life ceremonies and an area for scatter gardens.

Lisa would like to schedule a meeting for September 7 solely to discuss what land is buildable and what land should be kept for future needs of the cemetery. Lisa will check with Ken Clinton and Gordan Leedy for their availability before this meeting is confirmed.

Marie asks what the procedures are if someone would like to sell their lot to another individual. This would have to be in writing.

Marie will be meeting with John from Amherst Gardens to schedule the planting of trees.

Perry Day has suggested that the Trustees place 2 road markers in Forestview Cemetery. Normally these are named after someone who has done a lot for the Town and is not on the Towns payroll.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:45am.

Next meeting will be August 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Delisle