

Minutes Town of Hudson Cemetery Trustees

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Buxton Room, Town Hall

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Christina Madden at 6:30pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Roll Call:** All members present: Christina Madden, Lauren Young, Dan Barthelemy
4. **Welcome new member Dan Barthelemy:** The group welcomed Dan and introduced themselves.
5. **Discuss Deed located for Town plots in Hills Farms Cemetery:** Christina presented a deed that had been acquired and it was reviewed by members. It was discussed that Eve, from the town hall, has copies of maps and plots available as needed.
6. **Discuss Progress since 2024 walkthrough:** Overgrown bushes at Sunnyside have been cut back by DPW. Need to follow up on items needing work from last year's walkthrough.
7. **Set date of Spring cemetery walkthrough:** the group determined that late April would be ideal for a walkthrough and decided on April 25th at 9am. Christina to follow up with DPW to confirm that the date and time works for them. Sunnyside to be visited first followed by Westview (it was discussed that the town has a few plots at this location.)
8. **Discuss Headstone Cleaning:** The group discussed scheduling a headstone cleaning class and getting the community involved. Christina to follow up with Mel Gannon to schedule. It was brought up that we may hire professional services to assist with cleaning. Dan to follow up with local professionals to determine price. The group also discussed the \$5,000 annual budget and how that should be used (wall repairs, headstone cleaning, supplement DPW work.)

9. **Vote for Chairman and Secretary:** The two roles were defined, Chairman will be responsible for facilitating with the DPW, Calling order to and running meetings, and primary contact for the public emails. Secretary to keep meeting minutes and perform other administrative duties as necessary. The group took a vote: Christina Madden is to be Chairman, Dan Barthelemy to be secretary for the year.
10. **Open Discussion:** It was discussed that the group has the ability to draw from the interest built from trust funds in order to cover expenses and to fund DPW work. Locations of the 6 cemeteries were discussed to ensure the new member was familiar. Members were encouraged to visit cemeteries outside of the annual walkthroughs to ensure any damages were taken care of. Proper flag disposal was mentioned and the locations of the flag disposal bins (Hudson PD, Town Hall, VFW post, Bingo Hall.)
11. **Adjourn:** There being no further discussion, the Chairman called the meeting to be adjourned at 7:11pm.