

**DOVER CEMETERY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**AUGUST 29, 2023**

At 4:00 PM Chair Mariah Riess called the meeting to order with members Fred Sears and Carol Jackman in attendance. The meeting was held in the Selectmen's Room of the Town Hall due to flooding of the Highway Garage.

**Citizens' Comments** – No citizens in attendance.

**1.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by Mariah Riess and seconded by Fred Sears the minutes of June 27, 2023 were approved.

**1.2 Overall Future Planning of Grounds**

Renaming of the streets in the cemetery was discussed and when approved, new maps will be prepared. Cleaning of memorials was then discussed and it was noted that on the application a box was added giving permission for cleaning, if checked, and that the cost of the D-2 will be added to the budget. Tree care has been a concern of the commissioners and Kevin from the DPW, along with a woman with knowledge about trees, met with Rusty for a walk-through noting what trees need treating and what trees should be cut down. She submitted a full report as well as a map noting all her recommendations.

**1.3 Deeds**

A change in ownership was received regarding the Sooy plot to Bruce R. Sooy and Marilyn Judy Smith at 4 Chadwick Corner, Plymouth, MA 02360 for future contact. A new deed will be issued. A question regarding the purchase of a lot was received from Shirley Williams, she lived in Dover for 33 years, and Rusty will inform her she can buy a lot. Judy and Bob Davis visited Rusty to see the lot they purchased June 6, 1985 and Rusty commented it was full of roots and if he buried them there the tree would die so he showed them another lot in exchange for the one they have. They decided to swap lots and asked if they could use the same marker, only slanted. They will be told they need to get a new drawing.

**1.4 Monument Applications**

There were two applications for headstones; one from Sue, daughter of Jane Hemstreet, Section E, Lot 50, 2 grave. As measurements followed requirements, Carol moved and Mariah seconded to approve. An application for a foot marker was received from Dale Bulfinch Karr, 108 N. Flynt Lane, Hallsville MO 65266. Section RSR, Lot N-10. As measurements followed requirements, Mariah moved and Carol seconded to approve.

**1.5 Sign accounting forms**

No forms received and it should be noted we have not received any monthly reports this year.

**1.6 Unanticipated Items**

It was noted that fall plantings will be paid from the ground maintenance budget. Research will be done to find a way to light the back flagpole.

**Adjournment**

At 5:15 pm Carol moved to adjourn, seconded by Mariah, unanimously approved.

Next meeting September 19, 2023 at 4:00 pm.