

## **Minutes – Cemetery Commission Meeting**

Wednesday April 12, 2023

In attendance: Neil Humphrey, Kathy Johnston & Avis Hayden

Topics discussed:

1. Neil purchased a new flag to replace the tattered flag at Ira Allen Cemetery. He will replace it by mid-May.
2. Neil had a new sign made and mounted for the Lawrence Cemetery. Neil advised that the fasteners rust out and cause the wood to be compromised. Commissioners decided that it was a good idea to replace the signs at Ira Allen and Mt. Pleasant as well. Neil will take care of doing that.
3. Commissioners discussed the plots sold over the four winter months.
4. Purchase orders were signed and turned into the Town Clerk.
5. Commissioners reviewed a proposal from Relatively Speaking that would list and map all burials at the three Sunderland cemeteries. Commissioners approved the proposal and agreed that it should be presented to the Select Board for consideration of ARPA funds. Avis will attend the May 8 Select Board meeting.
6. Overgrown bushes at Lawrence Cemetery need to be cut back as they are interfering with about five headstones. Commissioners agreed that Clyde Baker should be contacted about this work. Avis will photograph the bushes and have them sent to Clyde.
7. Perpetual care activities for 2023 were discussed. Commissioners will prioritize which stones need cleaning and repair for this coming year. Agreed that we'd focus on the old section of Ira Allen again. Once this list has been drafted, Kathy will contact Mark Shea to get a price quote and schedule from him.

Next scheduled meeting is Wednesday May 10, at 10:00 am. If the weather is nice we will meet at Ira Allen Cemetery (see #7 above).

Respectfully Submitted,

Avis Hayden