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**TOWN OF  
BROOKLINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Cemetery Trustees**

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***Brookline Cemetery Trustees Minutes  
March 1, 2024***

**Attending:**

Brian Rater, chair  
Ann Somers, secretary

Judy Cook, member  
Scott Leard, sexton

The meeting opened at 11:11 at the Public Works Building.

We discussed laying out the southwest section. Scott showed us a larger marker of a type he suggested we use to identify new corners. Judy noted that Dennis LaBombard will survey the area formally when spring weather permits, likely in May.

We discussed various ideas around stone walls and benches, landscaping a “soft” corner at the intersection of Cross Road and South Main Street.

We discussed adding stones to the Avenue and primary Ways, and how to show that and other things of note on the developing new map. Melendy Way is paved; the unnamed grass way south of it will be left as is. Nissitissit Way will be covered with stone between South Main Street and Pepperell Road. Potanipo Way will be covered with stone from Swallow Tucker Avenue to South Main – there is no access to Pepperell Road (Route 130)..

Judy noted new RTI purchases: 371C – Flannery; 372A-1 and -2 – Bobich; and one by Power, site to be determined at a later date.

Judy presented an invoice from Staples for \$18.99 for a stapler for the office. Ann moved, Brian seconded, and all voted to reimburse Judy for the purchase.

The Brookline Fire Department has passed an old Canon copier to the Cemetery Trustees. We will see whether a cartridge for it is available.

Scott left the meeting at 11:25.

Minutes for October 13, 2023, December 8, 2023 and February 2, 2024 were approved unanimously with minor amendments.

Judy received a proposal for the pointing of the service building that was more than we want to spend; she will continue the search for a provider.

We determined to our dismay that the iteration of our Annual Report to the town that was sent to the printer is not the final version that we asked to be used. Ann will lay out our final version in a way that may be made available to tuck into the reports or offer where they are offered.

Judy suggested some additions to our Rules and Procedures to codify the sizes and materials we will accept going forward for grave markers. Marble is soft and vulnerable to erosion and molds; flat markers thinner than 4" deep are subject to breakage from vehicles. Some smaller sizes used recently are problematical in the course of maintenance. Current standard dimensions are 12" x 24" x 4" (minimum) deep; we will incorporate that into our requirements, and require that durable materials (not marble) will be used.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes submitted by Ann C. Somers