



Hollis Cemetery Trustees
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8 **Minutes April 15, 2010**
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11 Attendees: Melinda Willis, Chairman, Nancy Bell and Chris Buzzy
12 Absent: Doug Gagne, Scott Fisher, Vice Chairman, and Kimberly Dogherty, secretary
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14 The meeting was held in Churchyard Cemetery and was called to order at 6:07 pm.
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16 **Business**

17 Melinda briefed the Trustees on her meeting with the BOS. She said she took the time to describe the new
18 fee structure, Right to Inter, lot capacity and Hollis residency requirements. There was no opposition
19 voiced by the BOS.
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21 Melinda also relayed her conversation with DPW/Jeff regarding the history of lawn maintenance with the
22 cemeteries and how at some point DPW used to be responsible for lawn maintenance but these
23 responsibilities shifted to the Trustees many years ago. Melinda stated that she reinforced the view of the
24 Trustees that ultimately the Trustees are responsible for cemetery lawn maintenance, that the
25 cemeteries needs are different from other town properties.
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27 Melinda reviewed discussion with BOS and Jeff Babel regarding current non-lawn maintenance items at
28 the cemeteries. It was agreed that the Trustees would review the bill from Spaulding when it arrives, see
29 what was charged for the tree work at Pine Hill Cemetery and then discuss with the Selectmen on how to
30 proceed for future work. Selectman Vahrij Manoukian raised the issue of the condition of the roadway in
31 East cemetery. After discussion the Selectman voted in support issuing a work order for the DPW to fix the
32 roadway soon.
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34 Chris relayed his conversation with Richard Medlyn of Medlyn Monument regarding how we might re-
35 display the stones that were misplaced at the time of the Church addition many years ago. Mr. Medlyn
36 stated that he had not seen displays of this type in all his years of working in cemeteries but after some
37 thought described a possible display in which the chosen stones could be reset side-by-side (with no
38 spacing) in a single new concrete base in an area where there are not currently other stones or burials. He
39 also recommended a plaque describing the circumstances of their placement. Nancy and Melinda were in
40 support of this idea and asked Chris to get an estimate from Richard.
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42 **Inspection of Churchyard Cemetery**

- 43 -Small branches piled around the tree at Southeast corner
44 -Elizabeth Willoughby leaning
45 -Suzanne Farley leaning
46 -Suzanna Pierce leaning
47 -R.B. (Rebecca Ball) footstone laying on the ground - we leaned it against her headstone
48 -S. Colburn leaning and broken

- 49 -Charles (and others) Messer leaning
50 -Large patch of bare area at North Central area of cemetery
51 -Harriett Wood stone was wobbly so we layed it down for safety
52 -Stonewall on West border (particularly that half near the Church) continues to deteriorate
53 -Inspected the pile of stones laying under the perimeter of the church addition.
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55 Discovered that while there are a dozen or two headstones there, that a significant part of the pile is also
56 footstones that likely came from graves throughout the cemetery rather than originally concentrated in the
57 area covered by the addition. Chris recommended the possibility of finding the appropriate/matching
58 graves and perhaps setting the footstones behind and adjacent to the headstones. No decision was made on
59 this or the longer term re-display.
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61 **Minutes**

62 *Review of the March 18, 2010 meeting minutes were tabled.*
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64 **Next Meeting** will be held May 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the East Cemetery.
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66 **Adjournment**

67 *Chris moved and Nancy seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was*
68 *adjourned at 6:39 pm.*
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71 Respectfully submitted,

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73 Chris Buzzy, acting secretary