



Hollis Cemetery Trustees
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10 **Minutes May 7, 2009**
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13 Attendees: Doug Gagne, Vice Chairman, Nancy Bell, Chris Buzzy, and Melinda Willis.
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15 Absent: Scott Fisher, Chairman
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17 Staff: Kimberly Dogherty
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19 The meeting was held in the Pine Hill Cemetery and was called to order at 4:30 pm.
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21 **Meeting**

22 Russell Ux, Hollis Police Chief, met with the Trustees to discuss prevention measures to deter vandalism at
23 the Pine Hill Cemetery. R. Ux recommended updating the signage. Currently there were two entrances with
24 only one sign. An additional sign should be installed at the second entrance listing important Cemetery
25 Rules or Felony RSA's. R. Ux agreed to contact the Director of Public Works to discuss making the new
26 signs. The Trustees thanked R. Ux and fully agreed new signage must be installed.
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28 The Trustees and R. Ux discussed electronic security devices and although both parties were in favor of the
29 concept neither party thought it would be the most effective security measure.
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31 R. Ux explained that a back entrance to the cemetery was most likely where trespassers were entering the
32 property. A neighboring property had a field that made the cemetery accessible to trespassers. Doug agreed
33 to contact the property owner to discuss possible ways of closing the road and rear access to the cemetery
34 from their property. Chief Ux recommended calling Rick Towne, Fire Chief, for his opinion on closing the
35 access road. Doug agreed to contact Rick Towne to discuss this matter and hopefully report back with
36 possible solutions to the problems.
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38 In the end, the Trustees and Police Chief agreed that motion censored lighting would be the best strategy to
39 prevent trespassing and vandalism. The Chief was confident that trespassers would immediately leave the
40 property if it were lit up. The Trustees liked the idea and Melinda agreed to contact an electrician for an
41 estimate to install light poles. Chief Ux was concerned with the unlocked gate at the entrance. Trespassers
42 could open the gate and drive a vehicle in the cemetery. Doug explained that it was left open for the
43 maintenance companies to bring in their equipment. The Chief recommended locking the gate. The
44 Trustees agreed to think about the request but noted that they have never had an issue with damage from
45 vehicles entering the cemetery.
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47 The existing ordinance regarding cemetery hours needed to be amended. The prohibited hours were from
48 9:00pm to 7:00am.

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50 The Trustees recommended changing the wording to reflect closed from sunset to sunrise. They also
51 removed the fine provision and amount at the suggestion of the Police Chief and added the following
52 wording to replace the existing wording,

53 “Effective immediately, all town cemeteries will be closed to the public from sunset to sunrise. This
54 ordinance will be enforced by the Hollis Police Department. Violators will be subject to criminal trespass
55 laws in the State of New Hampshire”.

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57 The secretary agreed to contact Troy Brown, Town Administrator, to request meeting time with the Board
58 of Selectmen to recommend and discuss proposed amendments to the ordinance.

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60 **Next Meeting** will be held May 21, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the East Cemetery, Town Hall.

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62 **Adjournment**

63 *Chris moved and Nancy seconded to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was*
64 *adjourned at 5:40pm.*

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67 Respectfully submitted,

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69 Kimberly Dogherty, Secretary