

TOWN OF HEBRON  
*ad hoc* CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2015

PRESENT: Carol Bears, Ron Collins, Tracey Steenbergen, Doug Merrill, Don Merrill, Bruce Barnard, Ellie Lonske

ABSENT: John Hilson (family medical problem)

4:30 P.M. Sexton Doug Merrill handed out a list of "Questions that have Arisen" (see page 3) and led a tour of the Hebron Village Cemetery, during which the issues on the list were discussed, and many other questions were raised.

5:15 P.M. Select Board representative to the Committee, Ellie Lonske, called the meeting to order, and asked for nominations for Committee Chair. Ron Collins moved, Doug Merrill seconded, the nomination of Carol Bears. Passed by unanimous vote.

Ellie Lonske then asked for nominations for Vice-chair. Doug Merrill moved, Bruce Barnard seconded, the nomination of Ron Collins. Passed by unanimous vote.

The Committee then agreed to the division of labor discussed during the cemetery tour:

- Ron Collins will set up a drop box to share documents, including the current regulations and regulations from NH towns that have updated cemetery regulations in recent years;
- Tracey Steenbergen will add NH RSAs and regulations from other towns to the drop box;
- Ron and Tracey will work together to identify and evaluate digital solutions to replace or supplement the book that is now in use;
- Cemetery Sextons Doug Merrill, Don Merrill and Bruce Barnard will continue to bring policy questions to the Committee;
- Trustee of the Trust Funds Carol Bears will focus her attention of regulations regarding trust funds for perpetual care, and other issues related to cemetery trust funds;
- Tracey Steenbergen will check Town records to see if the regulations were ever officially adopted at a Town Meeting;
- All members of the Committee will have a voice in which regulations be included in the revised or rewritten regulations;
- Chair Carol Bears, Vice-chair Ron Collins, and members John Hilson and Ellie Lonske will write drafts of the new of revised regulations for

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input from the other Committee members and from the Hebron community;

- Chair Carol Bears will call meetings as required to bring a final draft of the new or revised regulations for a Committee vote before October 1, 2015.
- The final version of the regulations will be introduced at the 2016 Town Meeting and, if required by law, will be voted on.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Ellie Lonske moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25p.m., seconded by Ron Collins. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellie Lonske  
Secretary *pro tem*

## QUESTIONS THAT HAVE ARISEN

- What kind of stone/structures allowed in cemetery?
- Resident of Hebron - (voting)?
- Granite corner markers - are they supposed to be installed within one year?
- Should we change who is allowed to choose gravesites? Should only living member choose?
- Plots revert back to town after unused (how many years)?
- If ashes are spread elsewhere - no body - still allowed?
- If a stone is broken, should living relative be asked to fix it, or should it be up to the town?
- If husband and wife are cremated, should they still have two plots?
- Do residents get to pick area, or do we try to fill an area first?
- Record book: date of interment, not date of death?

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