

TOWN OF PITTSFIELD
CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Pittsfield Town Hall
85 Main Street
Pittsfield, NH 03263

Minutes of the Cemetery Trustees – Monday, June 15, 2020

Members present: Cedric Dustin, Pat Heffernan, and Cara Marston

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Floral Park Cemetery.

New Business:

1. Right to Inter – the Trustees signed a right to inter document for LaGraize, Section D Row J Lot 22.
2. Number of interments question – a question has been asked by a family member of a holder of a right to inter in a Hillside section standard 2-grave plot as to how many interments can be in placed in these lots. More specifically, if three urns can be interred on top of each casket burial.

The Trustees discussed that this would expand a typical two full or four urn interment plot to potentially eight interments and be a loss of revenue to the taxpayers to offset the cost of the cemetery. The current lot pricing at \$1,000 is structured as having \$400 be placed into perpetual care and \$600 into the general fund. The perpetual care accounts by statute are prudently regulated as to how they can be invested and used for care, resulting in little revenue offset for the cemetery maintenance. The existing perpetual care only offsets about 12% of the basic operating cost and there are a lot of overdue maintenance projects that need to be done in the upcoming years. At this juncture, instead of raising the lot prices, the Trustees decided that the interments would be either one full casket interment or two urn interments per grave lot (maintaining the standard).

3. Tree planting request – The Trustees looked at an area that a family member had requested to plant a couple of saplings on the corner of Hillside Section A. There is a water spicket in the area. In considering future root growth and its proximity to the roadway and water piping, the Trustees felt a shrub planting may be a better idea instead of a tree.

No other business was conducted.