

Cemetery Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, June 28, 2022 5:30 PM

Old Cemetery

Minutes

Present: Michael Hinsley, Laurie Wadsworth; Jay Cary, Trustees

1. Trustees examined one of the old maples that line the lane between Div. 1 and the Lyme Historians' property, which has two large holes that you can actually see right through! We agreed that unfortunately it should come down before it damages either the old stones beneath it, or someone walking through. Voted unanimously to authorize Jay to call Jim Henderson, and further to spend up to \$5,000 to have it removed, including stumping. Laurie will secure permission from the Historians to use their parking lot for Henderson's equipment.
2. Laurie thanked her fellow Trustees for attending the Fourth Grade's presentations of several persons buried in this cemetery, and requested that, with children being children, we ask Jonathan Appell to examine each of the stones represented for stability. (The fourth grade hopes to make this an annual endeavor.) We quickly surveyed the 20 stones and agreed they should receive attention. In particular, we will ask Jonathan to straighten and raise the stone of Nathaniel Hews, Jr., one of Lyme's very first settlers.
Michael suggested inclusion of some of the Civil War veterans who are buried in Div. 2. Jay will clean some of those stones this summer, and Michael will supply notes about their lives and service. Laurie will continue to collect information through the Historians.
3. Laurie reported that she and Jay walked the Highland Cemetery with Sylvia Provost of Henderson's landscaping, who made several recommendations, including cleaning out many invasives and beginning to plant attractive trees such as the pagoda lilac. We have not received a proposal from her yet, so Laurie will follow up.
4. Memorial to Cate and Prince: Jay brought a sample of soapstone, and read us his proposed wording for a stone to be placed in Beal at their possible burial site. He will send us the wording for final approval, and will also look into the benefits of granite vs. soapstone, and cost of engraving and installation.
5. We noticed a small tree that had fallen into the NW corner. Michael will ask Sexton Joe Supp to clean that up. We hope to be able to plant some small trees in here as well as Highland.
6. Trees at Porter: Jay had met there with Joe from Henderson's in May. Removal of some of those trees will require permission from nearby landowners to use their driveway for access. They are currently not in Lyme; Michael will follow up with them.

7. New signs for entrances at Highland and Old Cemeteries: We examined a second draft, but decided it's still too long and wordy. Laurie will revise and send out a shorter version for approval. Once we vote on it, Dina will get them made through a contractor the Town uses.

Adjourned 6:45 PM.

Next Meeting: July 26, in either Porter or Beal