TOWN OF PATTEN

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CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

These minutes are not verbatim.

Location: Public Works Garage, 21 Katahdin Street, Patten, ME 04765

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 28th, 2024, at 4:00pm

Meeting called to order at 4:17pm. Cheryl LaBelle, Marcia Anderson, Kevin Noyes, Randy Bossie, Kerry McNally, and Marie McNally present.

Absent members Susan Cullen and Jon Harvey

- 1) Marie McNally was selected as meeting notetaker
- 2) Patten Cemetery Policy and Board of Trustees Policy were reviewed
- 3) November Maintenance was discussed
 - a. The cemetery closes annually on November 15th, between then and May 15th is when all gravesite decorations are removed.

4) Future Meeting Dates

- a. Set future meeting dates: October 9, 2024, to discuss the design of the new cemetery section which will need to be opened soon due to limited number of burial spaces available in the current space. Kevin will bring diagram/map of the proposed new section. Board will discuss a possible need for buffer zones between adjacent properties on the North, South, and West sides of the cemetery. December 11, 2024, at 4:00pm prepare for the 2025 budget planning process.
- 4) Site visit to the cemetery revealed issues needing attention. There is currently maintenance occurring by contracted services to straighten stones. It was noted that the pea stones are being caught by the mowers and weeders and getting thrown around striking and landing on nearby stones. The trustees recommend the contractor cover these pea stones with loam and then grass seed, so the equipment is not picking up these pebbles and tossing them around. This should occur before any further work gets done. Kevin will discuss with the contractor. The Trustees also recommend being specific

about what is expected from contractors when hiring for maintenance jobs. It was noted that many graves need fill where they have settled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

Respectfully Submitted, Marie McNally

Cheryl Labelle

Marcia Pond Anderson

Randy Bossie

Kerry MoNally

Marie McNally

Kenn A. Noyes