

# DAMARISCOTTA CEMETERY TRUSTEES AGENDA

Thursday, January 4, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. – Zoom

- **budget**
  - FY25 operating plan
  - FY25 capital plan
  - rules for having checks prepared in advance of completed work
  
- **misc.**
  - **review request from Susan Day to use old family lot** (packet provided 11/14)
  - **replace “Rules for Heirs” on web site with “Burials Permitted”**
  - question raised whether metal detecting in cemeteries is illegal; no statute found
  - learned about fake QR codes being placed over real ones; need to monitor our signs
  
- **Hillside**
  - collapsed section of Church Street stone wall, west of receiving tomb
  - Stetson curbing work
    - approval received from Select Board at meeting on 12/21
    - work started 12/27/2023; expected completion 1/4/2024
  - Wreaths Across America event held on 12/16
  - added flag holder for Joseph Reno Ouellette in Annex 1; awaiting service details from family
  - added flag holder to John B. Curtis upon confirmation of his service (with thanks to Kathleen Maclachlan for research assistance)
  - noted adjacent land to the east was sold to Miles Hospital League; determined only the portion around the building was transferred, leaving the field to the north in possession of Wheelers
  - 2 additional stones found down in OHY
  - 2 stones found to have slid off their foundations; die toppled off base for 1; both temporarily repositioned for the winter
  
- **Walpole**
  - two missing post caps still to be replaced (J&H)
  - during post-storm checks, noticed clearing activity on adjacent land to the east
  - Walpole Cemetery Organization Certificate of Organization found: organizers met 12/16/1914, signed document 1/19/1915, document recorded 1/28/1915 at Lincoln County Registry of deeds in Book 342, Page 574
  - 1784 deed found, transferring 100-acre “ministerial lot”, except reserving one acre for the cemetery already in use
  
- **Chapman-McAllister**
  - sunken foot stone found after fall cleanup; marked for lifting in spring
  
- **other calls and contacts**
  - 11/20 – Alisa Corson: questioning whether monument had been set in correct place (yes)
  - 12/2 – Neil Shuman: questions RE: stone repair he did in a Waldoboro cemetery
  - 11/20 – fall cleanups completed
  - 12/6 – Select Board approved change from “Rules for Heirs” to “Burials Permitted”
  - 12/21 – Nira (no last name provided): requesting information for a web site she’s creating (verified Damariscotta is only selling lots in Bethlehem & Hillside; list Town Office as contact)

- **permits and sales**
  - monument permit for Jane Shields in Annex 1
  - monument permit for Susan E. Day & best friend Elizabeth Spence (shared stone)
  
- **ABGs**
  - tree work pending at GR1 (Thompson) using Damariscotta Historical Society funds
  - old logs removed from GR82 (Plummer)
  - foot stone found and set for Col. Samuel Reed at GR3 (Heavner-Day)
  - noted the death of Lions Club cemetery volunteer Joe Cirigliano
  
- **dates of future meetings** (at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted)
  - February 1
  - March 14 \*\*Note this is the *second* Thursday in March.
  - April 4
  - May 2
  - June 6