Date: May 1, 2018
Location: Dunbarton Town Office

Trustees Present
Don Larsen
Judith Stone
Justin Nault

Meeting Opening
Don called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM

Minutes of April 3, 2018 Meeting
The Minutes of the April 3 meeting were accepted by all trustees as read.

Election of Officers
Don Larsen was nominated as Chairman. Accepted
Judy Stone was nominated as Recording Secretary. Accepted

Sale of lots
On April 17, Sheri Hird and her husband, Donald met with Don and Judy to purchase two cremains lots next to Sheri’s mother in the Cremains Garden, H-2 and H-3. Sheri again reminded us that she has money set aside for the purchase of a bench to add the Garden when the garden has been finished. A picture of the bench is in the Cremains folder.

Correspondence:
An email was received from Cynthia Forcier concerning buying plots. She was advised to attend the next meeting on June 5th if it was not an urgent matter.

Alternate Trustee
We talked about finding an alternate trustee.

Cemetery Mapping
Judy will call Ramaker to request an invoice for this year’s contract for CIMS.

Discussion:
Don will talk with Jeff Crosby on getting some fill the new road in Pages Corner Cemetery
Stark Cemetery
The Trustees received a letter from Ted Vallieres, President of the Dunbarton Historical Society concerning the approach of Nancy Frost, one of the Trustees of the Harriet Stark Trust, by Don Larsen. Nancy was under the impression that the Dunbarton Cemetery Trustees would like to take over the maintenance of the Stark Cemetery. Don spoke with her while at the Dunbarton Library and mailed her a page from one of the worksheets we received at the last meeting of the N.H. Cemetery Association in April.
The Harriet Stark Trust is held by the Dunbarton Historical Society and they would like to make it clear that they do not intend to give it up. Under state law RSA 289:19 Neglected Burial Ground: “Whenever a burial ground within the boundaries of the town has been neglected for a period of 20 years or more, the municipality may declare it abandoned for purposes of preservation, maintenance or restoration.” Then follows a long legal procedure to have it legally turned over to the town. On behalf of the Historical Society, Mr.Vallieres requested that no one from the Cemetery Trustees contact Nancy in the future regarding this issue.

The letter was discussed by the trustees. Don stated that Laraine Allen one of the trustees of the Stark Cemetery Trust, had approached him asking what steps could be taken so that the Town could take over maintenance of the Stark Cemetery. Don therefore contacted Nancy Frost, the other trustee of the Stark Cemetery Trust. A large misunderstanding happened where the Dunbarton Historical Society thought that the Cemetery Trustees wanted to take over the Stark Cemetery. This is not the case. Don was asked the question by Laraine and was merely passing on what he had learned from the Cemetery Association. There was no ill intention.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Adjournment:
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Judith Stone, Secretary