

Cemetery Trustees

Town of Dublin

Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2026

In attendance were Brian Barden, Blake Anderson, Kiki Sangermano and Will Elcoate.

Will is in the process of getting bids for the wall repair. He expects to have at least two, maybe three.

Discussion about our inability to get a Forestry Plan. The Town Forester no longer does them and the next person we checked wanted to do it with an arborist. We don't want to pay two people for the job. Will's report follows:

I spoke with Greg Potter while Greg was evaluating a few trees that Will had concerned about their viability. If they lost limbs or fell they would impact a number headstones.

Greg's name came up in regards to one of the contractors who we approached to perform a Forestry Plan. He brought up the subject of Forestry/Arborist maintenance plans which were discussed. I told him we were of the opinion that they have different goals. Forestry Plans were often concerned with changing landscape or for commercial purposes where the goal is financial. Arborists are about managing the health and well being of the trees/shrubs for their clients, maintaining and enhancing the attractiveness of their properties. This is more inline with the Town's stated objective which is to maintain this cemetery's historical heritage, simplicity, and dignity. In a way what we have been doing, calling in an Arborist to check when we have concerns about specific trees. In a Tree Maintenance Plan doing this on a routine maintenance schedule which would include trimming limbs and stabilizing trees. He did not seem to be interested in writing a plan. I asked him, if we wrote a Tree maintenance plan for the cemetery, would he review it to ensure that we had covered the typical scope of what an Arborist services would cover. He said he would.

Since the Trustees preferred not to spend a lot of money on a Forestry Plan, Kiki moved that we meet with the Selectmen and request that the Warrant Article be amended to an Arborist Plan rather than a Forestry Plan since it would cost a lot less and we may be able to get some maintenance done instead of just a plan. Blake seconded. Vote Unanimous. We have a meeting with the selectmen on August 10th at 5:30.

Continuing discussion about plantings.

The Trustees gave Will a "high five" for his excellent work in the last few months including his monthly report.

Brian, Blake, Will, Hank and Mike got 28 new lots laid out on Carriage Lane.

Kiki asked Will to get in touch with Carl Bennett since he has been waiting for these lots to open up.

Will plans to get in touch with him.

NOTE: Before Will and Kiki left the Town Hall, Carl Bennett came in so he and Will are making plans

Kiki moved that we adjourn the meeting. Blake seconded. Without objection, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted

Kiki Sangermano, Chair