

**Hopkinton Cemetery Trustees**  
*Nullus Vivere Relinquit*  
**Minutes for Meeting of October 26, 2023**  
**Hopkinton Town Hall**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Lynn Clark, Chair; Judy Hampe, Gayle Kimball, and Sexton Joe Tristaino.

Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. at the Hopkinton Town Hall.

The meeting minutes for August 31 were approved with Trustee Hampe abstaining.

The Sexton reported on several items. The cemeteries are ready to close up for the winter, pending scheduled services. Sexton Tristaino anticipates closing road access the week following Veterans Day weekend. The local scout troop has again volunteered to pick up flags.

The Sexton has obtained a quote to take down the three trees on an abutters property that look in danger of falling and causing damage to gravestones in the Old Hopkinton Cemetery. The liability issue needs to be reviewed. The town will be removing an overgrown bush in the Contoocook Cemetery. The removal of stumps in Old Hopkinton may be delayed until next spring because of pending burial services.

There was a lengthy discussion about the budget for next year. Topics included maintenance of the memorial gardens, contract renewal for landscaping services and spring clean up, and the sustainability of drawing on the perpetual care funds at the current level of expenditure.

The next meeting, which will include a review of the Sexton's job description, was scheduled for November 9 at 10 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle Kimball  
Secretary