

*Town of Atkinson  
Cemetery Trustees  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday April 30, 2015*

**Open Meeting:**

Chairman Robert Patuto opened the Regular Meeting of the Atkinson Cemetery Trustees at 7:40 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2015, in the Atkinson Town Hall.

**Members Present:**

K. Friel – arr. 8:15 PM  
S. Garrity  
R. Patuto, Chairman

**Others Present:**

B. Snicer, Recording Secretary

**Approval of Minutes:**

**S. Garrity made the motion to approve the minutes of January 29, 2015, as amended. Second: R. Patuto. Vote: 2/0/0.**

**Discussions:**

➤ *Grave Openings*

S. Garrity proposed that the Town use the Highway Department's new backhoe for opening and filling in graves. R. Patuto responded that specialty equipment was needed to open grave sites without disturbing the surrounding areas, equipment which was not ordered for the new backhoe. Second, he noted that the backhoe ordered for the Highway Department was too large for that type of work, and those in the Highway Department certified to use the new backhoe may not be immediately available when needed. In summation, R. Patuto said the Trustees were pleased with the services of Ne-San and would prefer to continue with them. K. Friel agreed.

➤ *Cemetery Rules*

S. Garrity suggested that the Trustees review the Cemetery rules. R. Patuto agreed, especially with regard to plastic flowers, recommending that they only be used between November 15 and May 1. The Trustees decided to review the rules with the intent of placing any revisions on the 2016 Warrant.

➤ *Cemetery Roads:*

R. Patuto told the Trustees that a resident had offered to hottop some of the main roads in the Cemetery. There was a concern about adding more impermeable surface to an area which already had a tendency to be wet in many places. In addition, in order to plow the road(s), one would be pushing snow onto the graves near the edge, as well as disturbing the grass and sod. R. Patuto suggested that a better solution might be to put down gravel or reprocessed blacktop which would drain. He also indicated that he would be willing to have a snowblower used to open a path in the winter on the main roads.

➤ *Memorial Day:*

K. Friel asked what the will of the Trustees was with regard to planting geraniums on Perpetual Care lots for Memorial Day. S. Garrity and R. Patuto agreed to meet at the Cemetery at 10 AM on Tuesday, May 5 to discuss the plantings.

➤ *Trust Fund Administration Annual Seminar:*

K. Friel noted that the Annual Seminar for Cemetery Trustees would be held on Thursday June 4, 2015, from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord, NH. She said she would be going. R. Patuto will also go if there are no burials scheduled for that day. S. Garrity was undecided at this time.

**Recess:**

**Chairman R. Patuto made a motion to recess the Regular Meeting of the Cemetery Trustees at 8:45 PM, until 10 AM May 5 in the Cemetery.**

**Second: S. Garrity. Vote: 3/0/0.**

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Kathleen Friel

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Sydni Garrity

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Robert Patuto