

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Meeting Location: New Ipswich Town Office, 661 Turnpike Road, New Ipswich

Meeting Date: April 9, 2025

Attendees: Robert Zinsmeister, and Bert Hamill

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Old Business:

The minutes of the March 10 and March 27 meetings were read and approved.

New Business:

Before the Town Administrator (Debbie), Bert, and Bob, Bentti resigned his position effective immediately. We thanked him for his tenure and wished him well. A discussion about filling his position began after he departed. It was suggested that the other candidate for trustee on this year's ballot (John Schaumloffel) be considered. After text messaging with him It was determined he would not be able to serve. It was decided to have the vacancy posted on the town website and collectively we would seek out interested parties.

We discussed handling of the perpetual care funds with Debbie who is also a cemetery trustee. Access to the earnings from these 186 individual trusts basically involves determining the ratio of these plots to all the others. Bert presented his past work on the south cemetery that includes mapping showing sold and occupied plots. Debbie said that a party has been hired to image and map all three cemeteries and scan each with ground penetrating radar. This should happen shortly. The town's new cemetery management software can use all this information to give us the key to access the perpetual care trusts. Debbie also said that past sexton Ollie Niemi had a large collection of historic information stored at his residence and she will initiate contact with him about retrieving it.

We postponed the transfer of the Spalding fund earnings to a subsequent meeting.

Four Requests for Disbursement were prepared and faxed to TBFA:

- \$6,288.41 from SAU-87 Food Service CRF for replacement of walk-in freezer door,
- \$13,710.00 from FD Protection Equipment CRF for turnout gear,
- \$2,800.00 from N I Cemetery trust for cemetery management software, and
- \$1,784.00 from Building Maintenance CRF for annual fire extinguisher maintenance.

Four checks were received and mailed to TBFA for deposit:

\$559.00 for deposit in the 275th Anniversary Celebration trust,
\$1,000.00 for deposit in the Cemetery Trust – plot purchase for Keurulainen family,
\$1,000.00 for deposit in the Cemetery Trust – plot purchase for Rautiola family, and
\$391,000.00 for deposit in town capital reserve funds per warrant article 9. This check was sent by certified mail with a return receipt.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.