

***NH Old Graveyard Association***  
Annual Meeting  
May 14, 2016  
Union Congregational Church, Hebron, NH

In attendance: Officers Richard Maloon, Sue Hunt, Bea Jillette, Marty Hunt  
Members: Ingrid Smith, Dean Dexter, Rae Tober, Missy Mason, Marty Cornelissen

1) Acting president R. Maloon called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

2) Introduction of Ron Collins, President of the Hebron Historical Society

Mr. Collins gave a thorough overview of the Town of Hebron and its four cemeteries. All contain revolutionary soldiers. He has written the history of Hebron and has documented all cemeteries, including the actual stone inscriptions. He provided copies of a booklet that fully documents all cemeteries, including plot plans and photos. He publishes through his own publishing company: [www.Colpub.com](http://www.Colpub.com) (Collins Publishing, Hebron). [roncollins@metrocast.net](mailto:roncollins@metrocast.net) He noted that in Hebron, the town owns the cemetery land but the families own the stones...their responsibility. Plots are free to residents.

3) President's Comments:

- R. Maloon announced with regret that President Richard Alperin had resigned.
- Members present were encouraged to take our brochures and distribute to attract new members.
- There was a brief review of the purpose of NHOGA.
- There will be upcoming workshops in Barnstead and Meredith; details will be forthcoming.
- There was the reminder that water, Simple Green Stone and D/2 are great for gravestone cleaners. Cleaning efforts should be documented with photos. [www.YouTube.com/Maloon](http://www.YouTube.com/Maloon) shows a recent Barrington workshop.
- Based on our current balance, there was a discussion about our dues (\$10); should we lower? A recommendation will be made at our next meeting.
- President Maloon indicated a member had offered to work on our website for us. She would also set up a FB account and site. M. Hunt will get info on setting up a page on FB before we give her a go-ahead. Marty C. suggested two administrators and not allowing posting. The board will review the request.
- D. Dexter noted that content on website is good but needs to be dressed up a bit and have current minutes. Marty and Marty will coordinate efforts.

4) Recording Secretary's Report – M. Hunt

The minutes of the September 12, 2015 meeting were read; on motion made and seconded, they were approved as published.

5) Treasurer's Report – R. Maloon

Balance of \$6,545.19 as of April 30th

Expenses: \$420 (newsletter & printing)

Income: \$470

On motion made and seconded, the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

6) Auditor's Report

S. Hunt handed out her auditor's report with recommendations. There was a discussion of related items of interest: The Holderness Society pays for insurance and effectively bonds the officers. NHOGA should look in to this. Alton Historical Society also uses two signatures. Should look into insurance – liability for the Board - since we offer so many workshops.

We need an EIN number now for tax reporting (990-N). There are NH filing requirements for both the Secretary of State and Attorney General's offices. D. Dexter and the Hunts will assist the president with filing.

On motion made and seconded, the auditor's recommendations were approved as published.

7) M. Hunt recently attended the NH Cemetery Association's spring meeting and provided an update on legislation and other current areas of interest. She also indicated that she is working on a spreadsheet of all NH historical societies so we can do special mailings.

8) D. Dexter provided an overview of his role in the Secretary of State's office, which also is in charge of the vital records division, corporate division, state archives, and securities division. They are very involved in legislation as much of it has an impact on election laws. He has a personal interest in old graveyards. He also discussed the potential impact of the new Commission on Historic Burial Grounds and noted that the next meeting is May 20 at 10:00am in the Legislative Office Building. President Maloon is a member of the Commission by virtue of his office and will be attending. Other members may attend as well.

9) Old Business

- Web page – it was agreed that we will stay with CC Inspire (Adam Gerard) [www.ccinspire.com](http://www.ccinspire.com) for now but will investigate other options that might be easier to update. After this meeting, new info will be added. D. Dexter and R. Maloon will follow up.
- By-laws revisions will be presented at next annual meeting, and in particular will note the officer and committee structure as well as meeting requirements.

- Mailing list update: B. Jillette indicated we are still mailing out newsletters to non-members. What is the best way to reach people who don't pay? After discussion, it was agreed that adding the option of paying due via PayPal would enhance our membership drive. M. Hunt will send PP technical info to R. Maloon to pass on to our Webmaster.

10) Election of officers:

I. Smith presented the following slate of officers:

President: Richard Maloon  
First Vice President: Sue Hunt  
Second Vice President: Joshua Segal  
Corresponding Secretary: Bea Jillette  
Recording Secretary: Marty Hunt  
Treasurer: none  
Auditor: none

On motion made and seconded, the secretary was instructed to cast one vote for the slate as presented. R. Maloon will remain as treasurer until one is elected.

Committee appointments included Dean Dexter for the legislative committee and Rae Tober for the membership committee

11) Other Business

- There was a discussion of members meeting more often to keep up to date on progress. There will be a meeting on Monday, May 23 to discuss not only the Commission meeting on May 20 but also the FB page and tax returns.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Members so desiring took a self-guided tour of the Hebron cemetery behind the church.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha Hunt*

Recording Secretary