

## Walpole Cemetery Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024

Present: Dale Woodward, Chair, John Sheldon

Dale Woodward and John Sheldon traveled to Manchester NH to attend the New Hampshire Cemetery Association Spring Meeting. There were 3 presentations regarding mapping and digitizing burial records. The benefit of these companies work is to organize and preserve history and make it searchable online for anyone to find family or friends. Purchasing plot online is also a service that can part of the program. Unfortunately, these are not a one time purchase, but a subscription that has a recurring cost.

Two other presentations focused on veterans. Marie Grella was explaining how to become "A Purple Heart Community". This information will be forwarded to the Select Board as they would need to write up a proclamation. The second presentation was from Curtis Hermann who informed the group about "Patriots' Grave Initiative". This is through the New Hampshire SAR, Sons of the American Revolution. The initiative is to honor Americas first veterans by locating the grave sites, documenting the information, honoring them and sharing their story. This project is open to anyone who would like to help. I will post a copy of the brochure on the bulletin board.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Sheldon, Clerk